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'State of the Nation strong, getting stronger'

Expanded opportunities open to Chickasaw citizens

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby told an audience of more than 1,000 that "the state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong and it is getting stronger.

"Today, Chickasaw people everywhere have opportunities for a better education, better healthcare, and better employment."

Gov. Anoatubby delivered the State of the Nation message Oct. 4 to a capacity crowd in Fletcher Auditorium. Hundreds more watched the address on a video screen under a tent outside the building on the Murray State College campus.

Economic Development

Gov. Anoatubby said the Chickasaw Nation had more than 60 businesses, which has helped the tribe make significant economic progress.

Chickasaw Nation businesses have continued to see steady growth despite financial issues which have affected many sectors of the economy.

"We have been preparing for this for many years," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We will all need to be flexible over the coming months. We keep a watchful eye on our investments, we remain diligent, conservative and, above all, always protective of the future economic welfare of the Chickasaw people."

He said an expansion at WinStar World Casinos will make the facility one of the five largest casinos in the world.

Gaming, he said, was a springboard for further economic development. The Chickasaw Nation has been diligent and prudent, he said, in developing its business diversification strategy, investing in healthcare, banking and other businesses.

One of those business investments, Solara Health Care, now operates eight long-term acute care hospitals in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana and employs almost 1,000 workers.

Chickasaw Nation-owned Bank2 is also very successful, Gov. Anoatubby said, adding that businesses provide funding for programs and services, including housing, healthcare, education and more.

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"The state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong and it is getting stronger," Gov. Bill Anoatubby told Chickasaw citizens during the annual State of the Nation address in Tishomingo.

Citizens enjoy 'sneak peek' of Chickasaw Cultural Center

From left, Carolyn Claxton, of Pauls Valley, Winnie McNeeley, of Ardmore, and Cathryn Wood, of Connerville, celebrate Cultural Evening during the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival. This year's Cultural Evening event was hosted at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center near Sulphur.

SULPHUR, Okla. – A crowd estimated at more than 1,500 took part in this year's annual Cultural Evening event, hosted during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

Cultural Evening was celebrated this year at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center, the first major event at the facility, which is under construction near Sulphur.

Chickasaws from across the U.S. and scores of local residents were able to get a "sneak peek" of the Center, located on 109 beautiful acres of rolling, lush woodlands adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center will provide a place for Chickasaw citizens to learn more about themselves, and for the public to learn more about the Chickasaw Nation.

The Cultural Center is scheduled to open in 2009. Planning and designing the facility has involved the entire Chickasaw Nation for several years, and it

*See **Cultural Evening,** page 24*

Recession evidence absent

Chickasaw Nation businesses showing growth

Chickasaw Nation businesses are enjoying continued growth despite national and international financial problems.

Many businesses seen as mainstays of the national economy have seen sharp declines in the amount of spending by customers.

Chickasaw Nation businesses, in contrast, have seen increases.

"Widely reported financial problems have not had a noticeable impact on our businesses," said Brian Campbell, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. "We continue to see healthy growth which is meeting our projections."

Gross revenue, the amount customers spend at Chickasaw Nation businesses, increased by about 12 percent for the current fiscal year.

Gross revenue increased by 15 percent for the quarter ending in September compared to the same quarter a year ago.

Studies conducted by Dr. Jim Rauch of East Central (OK) University reveal that Chickasaw Nation businesses are operating very efficiently compared with other similar businesses.

Net profit margins of Chickasaw Nation businesses are continuing to rise, according to Dr. Rauch.

He said the continued growth and success of Chickasaw Nation businesses is a result of conservative investment strategies and the location of the businesses.

An expansion of WinStar World Casinos in Thackerville, Okla., which also improved the look of the facility, was accomplished at a minimal cost.

Nevertheless, that expansion has resulted in a considerable increase in business.

Oklahoma and Texas have also been somewhat insulated from many of the economic

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
August 15, 2008

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Members absent: Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Dana Hudspen, Patricia J. Appel, Ashley Large, Traile Glory, Larry Smith

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - July 18, 2008

A correction was noted on the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the July 18, 2008 minutes with corrections.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2008, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 25-083, Gubernatorial Appointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

This resolution confirms the gubernatorial appointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill the remainder of an unexpired term of office ending on October 1, 2008. Mr. Morgan was previously appointed as Interim Gaming Commissioner and currently serves in that capacity. Mr. Morgan has been cleared to serve as Gaming Commissioner through the requirements provided in Title 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-083.

Members voting yes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR25-083 carried.

General Resolution Number 25-081, Gubernatorial Reappointment of the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner (Matthew L. Morgan)

This resolution confirms the gubernatorial reappointment of Matthew L. Morgan as the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commissioner to fill a three-year term of office beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on October 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR25-081.

Members voting yes: Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR25-081 carried.

General Resolution Number 25-082, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution also names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve GR25-082.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR25-082 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

Chairperson Briggs reported that the Legislature visited the Cultural Center in Sulphur.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

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As economy slows, tribal businesses remain solid

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Each of us is subject to reading the daily headlines and thinking things in the world are going bad. We know in our hearts that everything doesn't go wrong at once, however we are still concerned when circumstances take a turn.

We have all been following the news of the U.S. and international financial crises that are now roiling the world's markets. There is a lot of information to take in.

We have read about exotic financial instruments known as derivatives and how those investments have caused tremendous economic stress. We know the credit markets are severely strained and both businesses and individuals are encountering serious barriers when seeking loans. We know the stock market has lost considerable value this year.

We know there have been bets made on Wall Street that have brought a number of long-established investment houses down, and have driven others into shotgun mergers.

The October report on American consumer confidence, a bellweather of U.S. economic strength, dropped to its lowest level in 40 years.

These reports, and much more current financial news, create an air of incredible negativity regarding our economy.

During these days of economic unrest and uncertainty, it is important to understand that our Chickasaw Nation businesses and our tribe's economic standing are both very strong.

Our tribal businesses are built on rock solid fundamentals. While there are always risks associated with any business, we are very careful to analyze our exposure thoroughly whenever we consider a project. We are

Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

conservative in our calculations of projected sales, and we study our markets with great care. We keep a tight hold on the purse strings and watch our operating expenses closely.

Our executives, analysts, accountants and other professionals put the "full court press" in effect before we ever create, purchase or expand a business. Our managers operate our businesses to create excellent customer satisfaction, and to produce outstanding net income.

And those efforts have paid off for our tribe. Despite the world's general economic slowdown and other challenges, our Chickasaw Nation businesses are producing well for the Chickasaw people. Our entertainment, hospitality, health care, manufacturing, financial and other businesses are weathering the current environment, and several are actually expanding.

We understand we do not operate our businesses in isolation. The external environment can impact our operations. Things can and do happen in business, and some things hit businesses very hard. Businesses suffer downturns. However, if you have a great plan to weather those storms, you can then come back strong.

There is no doubt the economy has entered a tough stretch. Problems that have taken years to develop must now be unwound and solved. Governments must investigate the causes of the crises, and a new era of financial regulation will almost certainly result. Issues of liquidity, credit, interest rates and monetary policy will be debated, and changes will be instituted.

As the crises are unraveled and a slowing economy unfolds, some businesses will suffer greatly, and some will cease to exist. Many other established businesses will continue to operate, adapt to the new economic realities and perform well for their owners.

I am pleased to report today that our tribe has created a unique and vibrant set of businesses that is holding up well, with much promise for both the short-term and long-term future.

We move forward with our development and with our planned progress cautiously optimistic about the future.

Visitor Center opens at American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

From left Wyandotte Nation Chief Leaford Bearskin; Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby; U.S. Rep. Mary Fallin; Oklahoma State Treasurer Scott Meacham; Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins; and Oklahoma Department of Commerce Cabinet Secretary Natalie Shirley cut the ribbon signaling the opeing of the Visitor Center at the American indian Cultural Center and Museum.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Opening of the visitor center at the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum (AICCM) Sept. 16 marked another major milestone in the construction of the facility.

The AICCM Visitor Center is the first building to be completed on the Cultural Center site.

"The architecture is made up of all the material elements of the larger building to come: timber, zinc, glass and steel," said Scott Johnson, a design partner with the firm Johnson Fain. "The roofline forms a dramatically cantilevered curve which is one in a series of circular spirals recurring throughout the project and speaks to Native ideals of harmony and progress in living with the earth,"

Opening of the visitor center follows the celebration of the completion of the Central Promontory Mound in September.

This circular earthwork feature, 1,000 feet in diameter, ramps up to a 90 foot peak that serves as a marker for the Summer Solstice sunset, and offers a magnificent view of the surrounding region.

Gena Timberman is executive director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, the state agency developing the AICCM.

"Oklahoma has the capacity to be a corridor of cultural experience," Ms. Timberman said. "We are in the heart of the country – the heart of Indian country. The AICCM Visitor Center will play a significant role as a satellite destination, complementing and connecting the various cultural destinations throughout the state and region."

Development of the AICCM began in the early 1990s when a Price-Waterhouse study showed that Oklahoma had not done enough to showcase its American Indian heritage.

In 1994, the Oklahoma Legislature created the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA) and empowered it to construct and operate a cultural center and museum to generate awareness of that heritage

Since that time the NACEA has worked to develop plans for the construction and funding of the center.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby is Chairman of the NACEA Board.

"We really believe we are going to see this dream become a reality in 2012," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The vision is for the AICCM to have four components.

The cultural center and museum will be dedicated to telling the story of Indian tribes in the state.

There will also be an extensive park and trail system on the site.

A number of commercial businesses which complement the mission of the cultural center are also in the planning stages. A tourism information center is also in the planning stages.

More than $46 million has been raised for the $150 million project.

The project has been a cooperative effort including the state of Oklahoma, the federal government, Oklahoma City, tribes and individuals.

A capital campaign to enable individuals and businesses to take part in the development of the cultural center will be introduced in the coming months, according to Shoshana Wasserman, Program Planning Consultant, AICCM.

"While we still need more funding for this project, we believe people will see the benefits of this center economically and culturally, and will step up and provide that funding," she said.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Festival was great once again; WinStar hitting stride

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

Festival was awesome and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. All year we come across people who were present and maybe we didn't actually contact but it's fun to know we were there at the same time.

Each year the format is different in some ways from the year before. State Representative Lisa Johnson Billy was the master of ceremonies and she did such a good job.

Lisa served in the same capacity last year. She served several terms as a legislator and we are very proud of her for the job she is doing in the state department. A very gifted individual she makes note always of her heritage. Her father, Frank Johnson, Sr., is Director and Chairman of the Board of our Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority and at least some of Lisa's "smarts" came from him. He does a brilliant job with our CTUA group as we grow and move outside the boundaries of the Nation to offer our services. (I serve on the CTUA Board also so I see firsthand his amazing ability to get a dozen things in motion at a time).

We went from 95+ degrees of heat straight to early morning high 30's and 40's and I do believe Fall has jumped in! The weather is wonderful. We'd like a little rain along the way to give our trees a good drink for their winter rest but maybe we'll get it.

Three of our youth are having their music compositions played at the Kennedy Center in a couple of weeks and we are all so proud of their accomplishments. We have so many wonderful programs to help our young people find their way to the development of their talent. The Education Division who creates and oversees those summer programs does a really remarkable job. Accolades to them for all their efforts!

Our year begins on October 1 for tribal purposes – Legislature, etc. – and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and I have been greatly honored by our peers by being selected again to serve as Chair and Secretary of the Legislature. (I am Chair and Judy is Secretary). The position of Secretary actually is the same as Vice-Chair would be and Judy and I enjoy working together. We will continue to endeavor to do a good job for our branch of our Chickasaw government. We are growing and growing!

I live in the same county (Love) as the Winstar World Casinos and the structure has become an incredible, awesome giant. It is very, very attractive in appearance with a new façade being built onto the existing casinos (three – covering 179,000 sq. ft.) and then the addition of 300,000+ new sq. ft. – five new casinos. The new casinos have themes of some of the world's major cities and the art is beautiful. The theme cities are Paris, Rome, Madrid, Beijing and London. Many events are held at our state-of-the-art golf course clubhouse and it is also really nice. Very elegant but practical and comfortable. The houses are being built around the golf course and one day we will be a city down there, I think!

Stay safe and warm as winter arrives and I hope the escalating fuel prices will not create too great a hardship on you. God bless all of you.

Linda Briggs

Successfully controlling diabetes: eat healthy, walk - laugh!

September 29-30 marked the Second Annual Muscogee Creek Nation Citizen's Diabetes Awareness Summit. This summit was dedicated to passing on knowledge to ensure a healthy future. That is a healthy future for us and the generations to come. Fortunately, we know we can make choices that will ensure a healthy future that can be free of diabetes, or with diabetes in control.

Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation made the following comment in the welcome letter to those attending the summit: "Diabetes is a disease prominent among Native Americans, being made aware of all its effects on our health will benefit us in the choices we make in our lifestyles, eating habits and exercise habits." Participants had the opportunity to hear about healthy lifestyle choices, make healthy food selections during lunch and snack times, and participate in exercises. Some even went to a yoga class. Fun.

Dr. Kelly Moore, member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, addressed the participants about the causes and impact of diabetes. Dr. Moore did a great job. Her father, Ed Moore, was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Moore sent his greetings to many in the Chickasaw Nation, including Governor Overton James. I had the opportunity to share that message with Governor James, much to his delight. Friendships and fellowship are important in combating this disease we call diabetes.

You do realize that diabetes has not always been with us. It is a product of our lifestyle changes, including obesity. Speakers discussed the phenomenon we call acanthosis nigracans in the medical community. This is a darkening of the skin around the neck or under the arms. Moms will sometimes try to wash this off of their children's necks, thinking that they are dirty. If your child is over weight and has this dark skin, bring them in to be checked by their pediatrician. What it actually means is that they may be at risk for developing diabetes, and some lifestyle changes need to be made. Diabetes can be delayed.

We laughed and laughed at the lunch entertainment with Vanessa Short Bull, member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. Vanessa is the first American Indian to win the title of Miss South Dakota.

She used the title "Laughter is a Good Medicine," and we experienced her joy and humor. Vanessa was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and is currently the spokesperson for Nike's Air Native N7 shoe along with Notah Begay. Vanessa is a beautiful young Indian woman, as you can see from the pictures.

Chickasaw tribal legislator Judy Goforth Parker, right, and Miss South Dakota Vanessa Short Bull.

Darryl Tonemah, member of the Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora tribes, talked about the psychosocial aspects of diabetes and how we can make healthy choices. Darryl runs and runs to prevent diabetes. He is a great example for us all.

At the end of day one, I participated in a panel discussion. What amazed me most was the questions asked by the grandmothers and grandfathers in our audience. They wanted to know how to combat this disease, what they could do to help their children and grandchildren, and they shared their stories. Panel participants were Kelly Moore, M.D., Johnnie Braswell, MSN, ARNP, Scott Robison, M.Ed, and myself.

Together, we shared from more than 80 years of experience in diabetes education and prevention. It was a wonderful experience. After more than an hour of questions, we had to end our discussion, but the enthusiasm of these elders remains with me.

I encourage you to do the following. The message is still good.

1. Make healthy lifestyle choices. You are in control of that. Our genetics, we cannot change, but good choices are in our control.

2. Eat healthy. If you do not know what healthy choices are, contact your dietician or health care provider. They want to help you make good choices.

3. Stay active. You can do chair exercises if your activities or limited, or you can take a simple walk about the park. I try to remind myself that if I walk one mile every day that in a year, I have walked 365 miles. A little bit of good effort can go a long way in making a healthier you.

4. Remember to laugh and have some good healthy fun. Laughter is a medicine. There is actually a scripture in Proverbs that says "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." That is a known fact. Laughter is also a great way to combat depressions that tries to sneak in with diabetes.

We are entering a time of the year where food is one of the many ways that we celebrate. Make a list of healthy foods and stick by it. I hope that you will encourage those around you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Pontotoc Legislator, Seat 2

Panola District seniors busy with arts and crafts projects

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chuckma!

This year's festival day was nice. The weather cooperated beautifully. It was exciting to visit with old friends and see new faces. I was proud to witness the Panola District Seniors had items entered at the Chickasaw Seniors Craft tent. These items are for sale at the site located in Achille, Oklahoma. I have already purchased one pillow with the Indian woman with braids and can't wait until the Indian brave pillows are ready! It is great to see the Panola District Seniors participating in the Festival.

In October, I attended the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council held in Bedford, Texas. The guest speaker for the meeting was the Re Entry Program of the Chickasaw Nation. This program is for Chickasaw citizens who have recently been paroled from a corrections facility. While in the program, participants are provided with education classes, job training and assistance with job placement. The North Texas Chickasaw Community Council would like to invite all Chickasaw citizens in the Dallas/Ft. Worth/metro area to attend their monthly meeting held on the third Saturday of each month.

For more information contact Mr. Stan Farmer, chairperson of the NTCCC at (682) 234-491.

Recently, I returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. My mother, oldest son, a nephew and my mother –in-law, accompanied me. We teamed up with another nephew who is currently working there. The Chickasaw Nation was well represented. The age span covered 82 to 17! We were able to tour the East and West wing of the White House. One of the younger generation, noted how many Indian sculptures and paintings were in residence there. It was nice to see a portion of our Native American heritage housed and displayed in the White House. Another notable stop on our trip was the National Museum of the American Indian. We arrived at that location just in time for lunch. The menu offers items from different cultural regions of America. I ordered free range rabbit stew and fry bread. It was good! The museum was interesting to explore. In the forth floor amphitheatre, the current film displays our flag. That was neat to look up and see our Chickasaw flag waving. If you ever get the chance, go visit the museum and eat in the cafeteria. It is an experience.

Be blessed, have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy the company of family and friends.

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Pillow was made by Dolly Nichols, Doris Sutterfield, Rosa Gilmore, Kay Anders and Mary Cox from the Achille Senior Center.

The quilt at right is named "Indian Lady and Indian Brave Quilt." It was made by Doris Sutterfield, Rosa Gilmore, Mary Cox, Kay Anders, Dolly Nichols and Jeanie Scott of the Achille Senior Center. The quilt on the left is a twin size burgundy quilt with an Indian picture in the center. It was made by Jeanie Mead Scott of the Achille Senior Center.

New hospital quickly taking shape

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Mary Jo Green, Health Care Committee Chair of the Tribal Legislature.

If many of you missed me at the Annual Meeting and Festival activities I was in our hospital with a virus and pneumonia. I spent eight days in the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, and I have only good things to say about the health care professionals who were responsible for my care.

I visited the site of our new hospital a few weeks ago. A new road to the site has been constructed and the steel beams are erected. I am thrilled at the work that has been done on the hospital and I look forward to its completion.

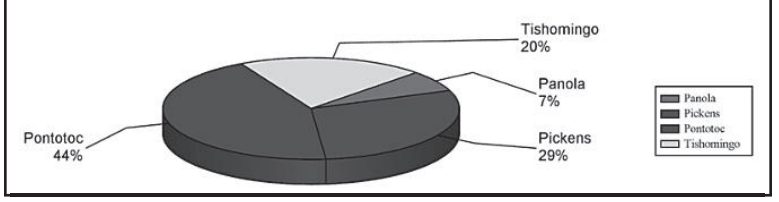
Statistics for the month of September at our health care clinics and Carl Albert Indian Health Facility are as follows: A total of 209 hospitalizations were recorded; 14,596 outpatients were seen at Carl Albert; 4,579 patients were seen at the Family Practice Clinic; 2,249 patients were seen at the Tishomingo Clinic; 3,197 patients were seen at the Ardmore Clinic; 2,449 patients were seen at the Durant Clinic, and 1,511 patients were seen at the Purcell Clinic. I am pleased that we finished our end of the year budget with a small surplus which means we are good managers of our resources.

Let me hear from you at mgreen@chickasaw.net

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council chairperson Stan Farmer introducing the guest speaker.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,664	Pontotoc	10,055
Pickens	6,706	Panola	1,536
		Total	22,961



Getting involved starts with understanding legislative process

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone,

It is good to write to you again. Please forgive me for not submitting an article in the last two regular publications of *the Chickasaw Times*. It has been an eventful couple of months.

Thank each of you for the calls, cards and letters of encouragement regarding Wayne's knee replacement surgery. He is recovering well.

For those who were able to come to the inaugural ceremony and for those who were with us in spirit, your support and involvement is so appreciated by me and my family.

Our Chickasaw family, our Chickasaw Nation desperately needs all Chickasaws to be involved. Many of you have expressed your desire to positively effect our government and your confusion about how the legislature works. Let this article serve as my personal invitation and a "how-to" guide to get involved in our government.

On the first Monday after the first Friday of a month, which the next will be November 10, the legislature meets at 9 a.m. in Ada, to receive the resolutions from the executive branch. Currently, resolutions are received from the executive office. The resolutions are distributed to the appropriate committees and discussed and considered for placement on the month's legislative agenda. For example, proposed land purchases are considered by the legislators who make up the Land Committee, the Finance Committee would consider budgets. Also, reports are sometimes given by Chickasaw Nation administrators about their divisions or initiatives within their divisions. These are not public meetings.

The following Monday is the Committee of the Whole meeting. This month it will be conducted on the 17th in Davis, Okla., at the Microtel Motel at 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and is the first opportunity of the month for citizens to address the legislative body. In this meeting, we discuss those resolutions that have made it through committee and ask questions of administrators regarding resolutions being considered.

Again, this meeting is open to the public. This is the point in the process when citizens have an opportunity to influence the legislative process. At this point, citizens can speak and make their concerns known to the legislative body.

The following Friday, the month's legislative session is conducted in Ada. The November 2008 meeting will be Friday, the 21st. At this meeting, the resolutions that were introduced and discussed at the previous meetings are voted on and made Chickasaw Law. This meeting is also open to the public and at the end of the session citizens are allowed to speak about other matters of concern to them that were not a part of today's meeting.

The process actually gives Chickasaw Citizens two opportunities each month to speak to the entire Legislative Body. This is an excellent way for Chickasaws to be heard and become involved.

Respectfully,
Katie

At-Large families can access great cultural programs for the kids!

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We can sometimes become so wrapped up in what we, our family and our friends are doing in their lives, we lose our perspective for others.

For those of us who live in the Chickasaw Nation, it can become a habit to think of Chickasaws as those people with whom we associate on a daily basis. However, as a tribal legislator, I understand that thousands of Chickasaws live outside our tribal boundaries.

Many live in the Oklahoma City area, and there are many Chickasaws who reside in other areas of Oklahoma. Large populations of Chickasaws live in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Chickasaws now live in virtually every state, plus a number of foreign countries.

I know a challenge for Chickasaws with children is keeping those children in touch with their history and culture. We all get caught up in the day-to-day of work, family, and so much more. Chickasaws who reside in the Chickasaw Nation find it easier to access those programs, events and gatherings that teach children about their heritage.

For At-Large Chickasaws, the tribal Division of Education has some great tools.

Parents can enroll their children in the Chickasaw Nation Reading Program. This program not only helps children learn their history, it sets them on the path to a great reading future.

Children can also receive the Chickasaw flash cards. These cards are a fun, easy and educational tool that conveys the language and portions of our culture.

The Division of Education also offers brochures children enjoy. For high-achieving children who desire accelerated home study, the High Reach Curriculum is available.

In our world today, we are not only busy, we are often separated from our families and our history. I hope you parents will take advantage of these programs and encourage your children to discover their heritage.

They will thank you!

October 2008 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 26-001

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Mr. Mark Riesen

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Mark Riesen to another term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. His new will begin on December 31, 2008 and end on December 31, 2011.

A resume for Mr. Riesen has already been provided to the legislature.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-002

Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Mr. Claude Miller

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Claude Miller to fill a new term of office in the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission. The term shall begin on December 31, 2008 and will end on December 31, 2011.

A resume for Mr. Miller has already been provided to the legislature.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 26-003

To Correct General Resolution 23-039

A Resolution Re-affirming General Resolution 23-023

(Authorizing an Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County)

Explanation: This Resolution re-affirms General Resolution 23-023 for the purpose of specifically

identifying the complete legal description as follows: A part of the N/2 of SE/4 of NW/4 of Section 28,

Township 4 North, Range 6 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 80 feet

South of the Northeast corner of said N/2 of SE/4 of NW/4; thence West a distance of 242.2 feet; thence

South a distance of 40 feet; thence West a distance of 537.23 feet; thence South a distance of 209.44 feet;

thence East a distance of 366.2 feet; thence South a distance of 9.5 feet; thence East a distance of 356.88

feet; thence North a distance of 9.5 feet; thence East a distance of 56.1 feet; thence North a distance of

248.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.04 acres, more or less.

Property Location: Pontotoc County

Use: Housing Annex Building

Purpose: Self-determination

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair

Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Feature-length film based on Pearl Scott biography

Early life story of Chickasaw aviatrix told in tribally-produced movie

Filming was recently completed on a movie about the late Pearl Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl from Oklahoma who is well known as the youngest licensed pilot in America.

Befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s, Pearl was performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot by age 14.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, the feature-length film is based in part on Dr. Paul Lambert's biography "Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott" published by the Chickasaw Press in 2007.

"Pearl was a dynamic Chickasaw woman who is a legendary figure in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "She was a unique individual who had a profoundly positive impact on everyone she met. Bringing her life story to the screen will help preserve that impact for generations to come."

Pearl was the daughter of a successful Marlow, Okla., businessman. She witnessed the world around her change from prosperity in the late 1920s into the Dust Bowl and Great Depression days of the 1930s.

These social and economic changes serve as a backdrop for the passion, celebrity status, romance and internal conflict which marked Pearl's teen years.

The movie was filmed on various locations in the state of Oklahoma, including the historic Harn Homestead, the El Reno Municipal Airport, the Jude and Jody Airport and several locations in and near Guthrie, Okla.

Casting director Chris Freihofer was involved in the search for talent for the film. Freihofer has been involved in projects including the movie "Elizabethtown," television special "Days That Shook the World: The Oklahoma City Bombing" and the Pilot episode of the television series "Saving Grace," among others.

Actors in leading roles are a mix of talent from Oklahoma and actors from across the U.S.

The lead character, Pearl Carter Scott, is portrayed by Elijah De Jesus, a 13-year-old actress from Burbank, Calif.

From left, "Pearl" actors Eiljah DeJesus, Andrew Sensenig and Angela Gair as Pearl, George Carter and Lucy Carter.

Elijah has appeared in the primetime ABC comedy "Ugly Betty," as well as other productions. "Pearl" is her first leading role in a feature film.

"It's going to be a wonderful family film for everyone to see," Elijah said. "Pearl Carter was amazing. It's good to bring her story out to the world. I am honored to be Pearl."

Isabel Archuleta portrays Pearl's sister, Opaletta.

Archuleta performed in several theater performances at the University of Oklahoma, where she earned her bachelor's degree in acting.

Her roles at the University of Oklahoma include Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet" as well as Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Ironically, she had recently moved to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career when she was cast in the film.

Andrew Sensenig portrays Pearl's father, George Carter.

Sensenig has performed in dozens of film and television roles, including roles on two popular cable television series, "Burn Notice" and "Prison Break."

Tom Huston, Director of the University of Oklahoma School of Drama, plays legendary aviator Wiley Post.

Paden Brown, a Chickasaw from Byng, Okla., plays Pearl's sister, Arnetta.

She auditioned on a whim and now is living the life of Arnetta each time she dons a costume.

"It's like going back in time, it makes me feel like I'm in the 1920s, and it's really fun," she said.

Paden said she admired Pearl and was proud to bring the story of a powerful Chickasaw woman to the big screen.

Other Chickasaw principal actors include Pauline Brown, Daniel Walker, Milton Brown, Micah Barbour, Jaisen Monetatchi, Dakota Brown, Tim Harjochee, Robert Cheadle and Skylar Wilson.

Angela Gair will play Pearl's mother, Lucy Carter.

Gair has performed in more than a dozen roles in film and on television.

More than 200 locals will also appear in the film as extras.

Two 1920s era biplanes and a Curtiss Robin airplane used in filming are being provided by members of "Nostalgic Wings."

The Heartland T's and the Horseless Carriage Club of America, Oklahoma City chapter are providing a number of vintage automobiles, including a 1928 Model A Roadster, 1924 Touring Sedan and a 1922 Dodge Enclosed Patty Wagon.

Editing is expected to take several months. The film is currently scheduled for premiere at the opening of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in summer 2009.

For more information and photos log on to

www.pearlthemovie.net

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

2008-2009 Tribal Legislature

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Committee Reports

Education Committee

October 6, 2008

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Mary Jo Green

Health Care Committee

October 6, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Linda Briggs

Absent: Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker

Human Resources Committee

October 6, 2008

Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Mary Jo Green

Land Development Committee

October 17, 2008

Present: Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Steve Woods

Legislative Committee

October 6, 2008

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Absent: Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker

Corn stalk motif based on earlier Tate illustrations

Honor shawl presented to Hall of Fame inductee Juanita Tate

As a special presentation and gift to commemorate Juanita J. Keel Tate being inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, Faye Perry hand crafted an honor shawl symbolizing the strength of women in the Chickasaw Nation. She presented the shawl to Mrs. Tate during her induction Aug. 21 at Riverwind Casino.

Mrs. Tate, a 98-year-old Chickasaw elder, is noted for her considerable knowledge of tribal history and culture. As the great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens, Mrs. Tate has devoted the last 47 years of her life to the research and writing of "Edmund Pickens: First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Family and Friends," recently released by the Chickasaw Press. Mrs. Tate has written various articles about Chickasaw history and people, and has been vigorously involved in preservation of the Chickasaw Nation's history and culture.

The honor shawl presented to Mrs. Tate took approximately one month to make. Mrs. Perry has been making shawls for over 12 years for many people including honor shawls presented to Gov. Bill Anoatubby's wife Janice Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel's wife Carol Keel. Mrs. Perry has focused on making and designing Southeastern art and traditional clothing for a many years now and makes shawls, ribbon shirts, and other traditional Native American clothing and art work throughout the year.

Examples of several shawls crafted by Faye Perry.

"It was a privilege and honor to be able to make an honor shawl for such a great woman," said Mrs. Perry. "Juanita Tate has been so important to the tribe in promoting and preserving the Chickasaw Nation's history and culture and she is a role model to all other Chickasaw citizens."

The honor shawl measures 60" x 60". It utilizes turquoise green and beige for colors and is made with double tied fringe, satin ribbon, and beaded corns atop the corn stalks woven into the shawl.

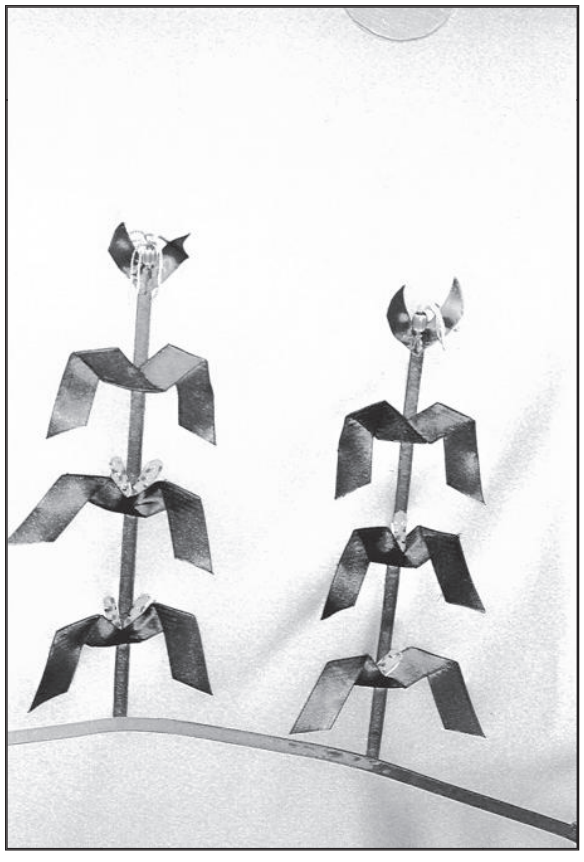
Corn stalks used in the design of the shawl were taken from a picture Mrs. Tate illustrated in a Chickasaw cookbook in 1975. The corn stalks are representative of a woman's roll in tribal traditions and place in tribal society. The poem attached to this article represents the roll of women in Indian society through the symbolic image of the corn stalks.

Juanita Tate, with the honor shawl draped across her shoulders, speaks during the Chickasaw Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. Mrs. Tate is accompanied by her grandson, Jerod Tate.

"The honor shawl crafted by Faye Perry exemplifies the importance of Chickasaw women in our society," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby, "Juanita Tate truly deserves this honor to celebrate her living legacy and importance to the Chickasaw Nation."

Contributed by Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

"Trail of Tears"



Detail from the honor shawl handcrafted by Faye Perry for Juanita Tate.

They could not remove us. Don't the soldiers know
we are the land? The corn stalks were our Grandmothers.
In our story of corn, a woman named selu had been murdered.
Where her blood fell, the corn grew.
The cornstalks waved their arms trying to hold us.
Their voices were the long tassels reaching in the air.
Our sprits clung to them. Our roots entwined.
My feet would not walk.
The soldier held me up by my arm.
I walked sideways and fell into the cornstalks by the side of the road.
A bird's chirp filled my ears. I wanted to hold the air and the sound of the land.
"Wagon," the soldier pointed and pulled me out of the cornstalks.
The soldier pulled me up and I knew he said, "March."
Diane Glancy
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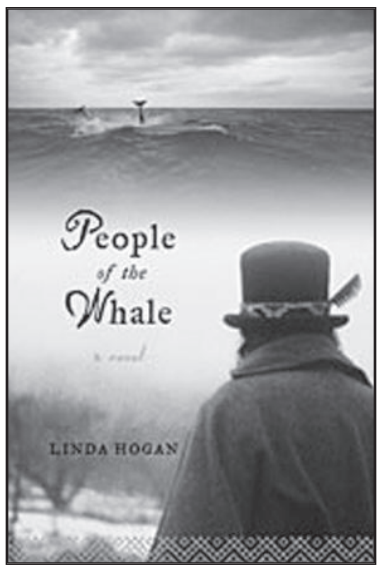
Hogan releases 'People of the Whale'

Novel explores complexities of traditional, modern experience



Chickasaw author and Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan has recently released "People of the Whale." The novel centers on the life of Thomas Witka Just of the fictional A'atsika tribe.

Thomas is a mystical character with a heritage steeped in the history and spirit of his tribe. One night, however, he drunkenly joins the Army with a group of friends. This proves to be a decision that will immediately divide his past from his future.

He is soon shipped to Vietnam, leaving Ruth, his childhood love, pregnant and lost. Amidst the chaos of the war, he fathers a child with a Vietnamese woman - a daughter named Lin.

Returning to the village, Thomas sees himself as a liar with two lives. He is numbed by the atrocities of war, plagued by self-betrayal and is no longer able to hear the voices of his ancestors.

Hogan creates a contrast between worlds in "People of the Whale." The ways of the Earth and Native American tradition collide with 20th Century struggles, creating a mending game for those strong enough to survive.

Particularly strong is the character of Ruth. The reader sees her gain and lose hope time and time again while waiting for Thomas' return and raising their son. Thomas' children Marco Polo and Lin are also survivors, taking Thomas' lost character and giving it depth.

Ms. Hogan's novel is woven out of many characters and plot lines, but the fluidity of her word choice carries the reader easily along.

"People of the Whale" is an intriguing look at the duality that has faced Native people for decades. Ms. Hogan creates characters that burrow into the reader's mind, reminding them of the common human tie to the earth and the ways of old.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

New Location!

OKLAHOMA OPTICAL

Oklahoma Optical is now located at 1005 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

A new showroom and large display area makes finding the right style more convenient for customers!

Oklahoma Optical is open to everyone.

For more information, please contact Dixie Ernst-Phillips at (580) 332-2796.

Commercial operations produce record net income for FY08

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2008

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $118.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $6.3 million for the month and $63.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $113.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for September totaled $61 million and $748 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $18 million for the month and $243 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $62 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2008, the tribal government funds had $95 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $12.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $174 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of September 30, 2008, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $851 million with $139 million in payables resulting in net assets of $712 million compared to $628 million at January 31, 2008 or an increase of $84 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	4,460,163	748,109,940	752,570,103
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		114,079,018	(114,079,018)	-
Total funds available		118,539,181	634,030,922	752,570,103
Expenditures				
General government		9,072,974		9,072,974
Legislature		1,400,523		1,400,523
Judiciary		813,368		813,368
Education		13,026,719		13,026,719
Heritage Preservation		3,618,970		3,618,970
Health		12,328,321		12,328,321
Youth and Family Services		5,841,793		5,841,793
Nutrition Programs		3,346,764		3,346,764
Regulatory		4,661,840		4,661,840
Assistance Programs		9,076,032		9,076,031
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			405,167,043	405,167,043
Other businesses' expense			166,795,294	166,795,294
Total expenditures		63,187,302	571,962,337	635,149,639
Increase in net assets		55,351,879	62,068,586	117,420,465
Beginning net assets		241,002,527	354,399,938	595,402,465
Ending net assets	$	296,354,406	416,468,523	712,822,929

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2008

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	95,303,723	174,321,280	269,625,003
Receivables		414,741	26,522,363	26,937,104
Inventory			5,403,232	5,403,232
Prepaid expenses			10,585,750	10,585,750
Other Assets			38,301,465	38,301,465
Fixed assets		200,810,874	300,034,570	500,845,444
Less payables		(174,932)	(138,700,138)	(138,875,070)
Net Assets	$	296,354,406	416,468,523	712,822,929

Chickasaw making cross-country bicycle trek

Herrington makes stop in Ada; encourages students to seek achievement

Chickasaw and former NASA astronaut John Herrington arriving in Ada. Herrington was a guest speaker at East Central University Oct. 7. He spoke about his experiences and his efforts to promote interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

ADA, Okla. - After a day of burning 6,284 calories cycling from Oklahoma City to Ada, John Herrington, Chickasaw citizen and former NASA astronaut, recently took time to speak to more than 50 students, faculty and community members at East Central University.

The former U.S. Navy test pilot is cycling coast to coast to promote interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"If by the end of my trek one kid is motivated to do well at something, then I have been successful," he said.

He said his effort is an extension of the encouragement that he received to further his education.

"This is my payback to those who helped me see that I needed to go back to school," he said.

"Without them, I don't think I would've had the opportunity to do things like go to space."

Ryan McMahan, president of the International Coalition of ECU Cyclists, was inspired by Mr. Herrington's commitment to helping young people find their way.

"I was blown away by all of his experiences and accomplishments," said McMahan, who arranged the event. "But the fact that he's so dedicated to making an impact on these kid's lives is what's really awesome."

The stop in Ada marked the completion of mile 2,817 in Mr. Herrington's 4,000-mile trip that began in Cape Flattery, Washington on August 13. The journey will end in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

As he crosses the country, Mr. Herrington will speak in several classrooms, on Indian reservations and other locations about his experiences and the importance of education.

The trip is supported by the Chickasaw Nation, TREK Bicycle Corporation, Pro Bike Inc. of Oklahoma City, American Indian institute for Innovation (AII) and South Dakota Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate programs (GEARUP).

Log on www.rocketrek.com to learn more about Mr. Herrington and his mission, track his progress on Google Earth, solve science problems related to the trek, view updated trip videos, photos, read his blog and post your own comments.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

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Tribe named BPW 'Employer of the Year'

Ada Business and Professional Women's President Mary Ruth Barnes presents Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce administrator Brian Campbell with the 2009 Ada BPW Employer of the Year award. Mr. Campbell accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation was named the 2009 Ada Business & Professional Women's (BPW) "Employer of the Year" during the organization's Oct. 22 luncheon.

"We want to recognize the Chickasaw Nation for providing significant opportunities and services for Ada-area women," said Mary Ruth Barnes, BPW president.

The Chickasaw Nation has an employee base of more than 12,000, approximately one-half of which are female.

Nominated by two of its employees, the Nation was commended for its "family first" policies, vast opportunities for advancement and excellent benefits.

Brian Campbell, administrator of the tribe's Division of Commerce, attended the luncheon and accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

"We really appreciate receiving this award from such a wonderful organization," he said.

"We have experienced significant growth over the past years, and we hope to continue to live up to the standards of this award."

Previous recipients of the Ada BPW award are East Central University and Valley View Regional Hospital.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

'Injunuity' earns NAMMY

Indian music group names Chickasaw band named top new act

Injunuity band members Brad Clonch, right, and Jeff Carpenter during a recent performance.

Injunuity, an Ada-based Native American rock band, was named 2008 Debut Group of the Year at the 10th annual Native American Music Awards. The awards ceremony was October 4 in Seneca, N.Y.

The prestigious award, called a NAMMY, was presented for the band's first EP "Unconquered," which features members Brad Clonch, Jeff Carpenter, James Monroe, Robbie Blair and Ashton Booth.

Carpenter plays guitar and alto sax, Monroe plays bass and trumpet, Blair plays bass guitar, Ashton Booth is the drummer, and Clonch performs the native flute and keyboards.

Carpenter, Monroe and Blair are Chickasaw citizens, Booth is non-Indian and Clonch is Mississippi Choctaw.

The band, formed in 2007, primarily composes its own songs, described as a "combination of traditional and modern themes."

"It feels good to win and be recognized for utilizing an icon of our culture (the native flute) and preserving it through modern song and music," said Clonch.

"The award this year was a commemorative award for the 10th Annual show for its 10-year anniversary. To date, there have been over 1,500 different Native American musicians and acts nominated for a NAMMY, and over 300 of these have been awarded, so we feel very honored to compete against other native acts across the United States, Canada, and the globe for that matter," he said.

The band has had responses from everywhere on the win, Clonch said, all the way from Alaska, the Midwest, to the East Coast and abroad.

"We want to thank the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Bill Anoatubby, Emergence Productions, our families and friends, and God for allowing us the gift and ability to play music," Clonch said.

"It's been an extremely wonderful year for us," he said.

The band's first appearance was the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in August 2007, and during the year, the band has made several appearances across the U.S.

Injunuity received worldwide exposure when it was featured on the XM satellite radio station channel 76 "Fine Tuning."

The band was also nominated in the NAMMY Best Instrumental Recording category and was recently considered in the Best Alternative Native Rock Album in the Indian Summer Music Awards.

Injunuity now has a new goal for the upcoming year - to be nominated for a GRAMMY in the Native American Music category.

For more information about Injunuity, visit the band's web site at www.injunuity.net.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Kids enjoy Chepota Himmita Trick or Treat

More than 50 parents and children, one month old and up, were in attendance to enjoy trick or treating through the offices of Youth and Family Services as employees handed out candy by the handful.

The 3rd Annual Chepota Himmita (Young Child) Trick or Treat was sponsored Oct. 28 by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy and the Chepota Himmita program.

At the event the kids were allowed to trick or treat down the office hallways of the Youth and Family Services building, drawings for free prizes were given away, and there was a Halloween pumpkin decorating contest for the families.

From left, Eric McConnell with daughter Serenity, and Brian Horton daughters Brianna and Brailley.

The youngest Trick or Treat participant, Cadence Brown, with her mother, Tabitha Brown.

"This is a great event the Chepota Himmita program puts on for the children each year," Chepota Himmita supervisor Ginger Dunn. "The Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services are always so hospitable and good to our program."

Chepota Himmita is a voluntary program, at no cost, that provides community-based resources and support for Native American families. The program provides opportunities to learn about child health/development, use of community resources, parenting skills, support groups, transportation to doctors' visits, home visitation by support workers and more.

The Chepota Himmita program is for pregnant women and infants who are members of Native American families living in Pontotoc County.

"The program was especially proud of the fathers in attendance at the trick or treat because we have been pushing for total family involvement," said Dunn.

For more information and for details on enrollment and future Chepota Himmita events, call 580-272-5550 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

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Got pink? Ride free!

Chickasaw Nation Road to Work shuttle drivers Toby Hawkins, left, and Donnie Price don pink shirts to promote breast cancer awareness during the month of October. Riders wearing pink were able to ride the shuttle for free.

Shuttle riders wearing pink got a free ride last month.

That's because the Chickasaw Nation's Road to Work program launched a breast cancer campaign to promote breast cancer awareness during October.

"We offered free rides for riders in a pink article of clothing for breast cancer awareness month," tribal Transportation Services director Angie Gilliam said.

"We handed out breast cancer awareness pamphlets to all our riders, which were provided by Mike 'pinkshoes' Wingo," she said.

Shuttle drivers also got into the spirit and wore pink shirts each Friday.

Rick Miller, Road to Work program manager, said his mother-in-law, a breast cancer survivor, was the inspiration for the campaign.

"I feel this is a cause that affects everyone in one way or another, either by knowing or having a loved one affected cancer," he said.

Miller said he appreciates Mr. Wingo for all of his help with the pamphlets and information and he plans to make this an annual event with the Road to Work program.

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Lighthorse Chief O'Neal named 'Police Chief of the Year'

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal was recognized for his pioneering work in cooperative law enforcement as he was recognized as Chief of Police of the Year.

Chief O'Neal received the award during the October 8 national conference of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA) in Las Vegas.

> ***"The award is definitely a humbling experience."*** -Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal

Cooperation among American Indian law enforcement offices, agents, personnel, their agencies, tribes, private industry and the general public is the mission of the NNALEA, and Chief O'Neal and the Lighthorse Police Department work toward this goal on a daily basis.

"Cooperative law enforcement has been our focus," Chief O'Neal said.

Chief O'Neal, 32, has served at the helm of the Lighthorse Police Department since the department was established in 2004. He has spearheaded cross-deputation efforts throughout the state and nation, including executing a cross deputation agreement in 2007 with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN). This agreement was the first of its kind between an American Indian police department and a state law enforcement agency.

"There is probably no police agency in the state of Oklahoma, bar none, that is better run than this group of Lighthorse policemen," OBN Director R. Darrell Weaver, said.

Under Chief O'Neal's leadership, Lighthorse Police has also signed agreements with more than 30 city, county and state agencies. Several officers are also commissioned as federal officers.

The goal of these agreements is to eliminate jurisdictional uncertainties and focus on the common goal of reducing crime.

"Thanks to Chief O'Neal's vision and tireless work, the Lighthorse Police Department

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal

is one of the most respected and proactive law enforcement agencies in the state," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We appreciate Jason's efforts and congratulate him on the prestigious award."

The Lighthorse department has 31 employees, including 16 uniformed officers, five dispatchers, four investigators, two sergeants, a captain, an administrative assistant and an assistant chief.

"It is certainly an honor I was not expecting," Chief O'Neal said of the award.

"The position of police xhief is one I take as a personal responsibility to ensure the protection of our families and communities. By bringing together our law enforcement agencies and community leaders we ready ourselves for the next generation of policing and public safety. To receive this incredible award has been a very humbling experience."

During his law enforcement career, Chief O'Neal has served as a U.S. Marine Corps military police canine handler and spent six years with the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs office of law enforcement services in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona and Oklahoma as a federal police officer and police supervisor.

During the past 13 years, Chief O'Neal has received advanced training in a wide range of areas, from hostage situation to hate crime training to national wildfire investigation training.

He is a citizen of the Citizen Pottawatomie tribe. He is a member of the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council-Violence Against Women Grant Board, the National Native American Law Enforcement Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Oklahoma Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association. He is an Oklahoma gubernatorial appointee to the state's Council on Law Enforcement Education.

He and his wife reside in Ada and are parents of four children.

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department initially assumed the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police department, which, at the time, consisted of four officers who covered more than 7,648 square miles within the Chickasaw Nation.

Lighthorse Police Headquarters is located at 1130 West Main in Ada.

More information is available about Lighthorse Police at www.chickasaw.net.

The National Native American Law Enforcement Association is a non-profit organization founded in 1993 in Washington, D.C. and incorporated under the state of Delaware.

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Officer serves as peace ambassador locally, in Dakotas

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officer Justin Smith constantly works as an ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation within its tribal boundaries. Recently, he has been assuming his role in far-flung places.

Officer Smith, 24, is known around Lighthorse headquarters as the "Dakota veteran," because he has logged two months at both Standing Rock and Pine Ridge Reservations, located in the Dakotas.

He and other LHP officers volunteered to work at the reservations to help ease the burden of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officers, who suffer from a lack of manpower on the reservations.

> ***"I have surpassed all my goals; I have to come up with new goals. I have done it all here." Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officer*** -Justin Smith

Pine Ridge is the eighth-largest reservation in the U.S. and one of the poorest reservations. The crime rate is high, which makes the officers' job challenging.

"It is not an easy detail," Smith said.

Smith recently departed for his third trip to Pine Ridge Reservation. He will be lending a helping hand for 30 days.

Conditions at the reservations are tough and Smith said the work and the surroundings make him appreciate the amenities he has at home.

"I think everyone should make a trip," he said. "It makes you thankful for the things you have."

Lighthorse Police officer Justin Smith

Although the assignment is difficult, Smith said he enjoyed his work, especially when he had time to spend with the children. Enlightening children who live on the reservation about the opportunities that await them is also something Smith likes to do when he has time.

"They call me the great communicator," Smith said. "I like to get out and talk to the people. We are not there just to write tickets, we are there for the public's protection."

Although he has been with Lighthorse Police a relatively short amount of time, about 18 months, he said the Dakota detail gave him "tons of experience."

"That's what I got this job for, to help people and make a difference," he said.

A native of Ada, Smith went to college with plans of becoming a doctor, because he wanted to help people.

A few challenging biology classes later, he changed his plans and accepted a position with the Lighthorse Police.

He attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia, N.M., in 2007 and said the16-week training was excellent preparation to be a police officer.

"The quality of the training is second-to-none," he said.

"They teach you about ethics, honesty, and integrity. The training made me grow up."

Since completing FLETC, Smith said many opportunities had opened up for him.

"I have surpassed all my goals," he said. "I have to come up with new goals. I have done it all here."

When he is not on the job, Smith likes to spend time in the great outdoors. Some of his hobbies include four-wheeling, stock car racing and caring for horses and cattle.

For more information about Lighthorse Police, log on to www.chickasaw.net.

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Standing Rock, Pine Ridge law enforcement

Lighthorse officers recognized for reservation service

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers, from left, Brad Holloway, Alyson Orr, Vincent Walters, George Jesse, Justin Smith and Clint Sutton were honored with a Special Recognition Award from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for their service at Standing Rock Reservation and Pine Ridge Reservation. The award was presented at the National Native American Law Enforcement (NNALEA) Conference in Las Vegas. Officer Dusk Monetathchi is not pictured.

Seven Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officers were recognized by a national organization for going "above and beyond" their routine duties.

Officers Brad Holloway, Alyson Orr, Vincent Walters, George Jesse, Justin Smith, Clint Sutton, and Dusk Monetathchi recently received a "Special Recognition Award" from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS).

The officers were recognized for their commendable and dedicated service during Operation Dakota Peacekeeper and Operation Pine Ridge Peacekeeper on the Standing Rock Sioux and Pine Ridge Sioux reservations. The officers served away from home for up to one month.

"These officers are to be commended for readily sacrificing their time away from their families to assist in this operation," Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal said. "I received several comments from many high ranking BIA-OJS officials, including Deputy Bureau Director Pat Ragsdale, on their character and professionalism during the assignment."

The award was presented during the October 8 National Native American Law Enforcement (NNALEA) Conference in Las Vegas.

"Your assistance in these Operations has truly been an asset in the BIA's efforts in making a difference in Indian country and in the lives of those we serve," Ragsdale said.

"Without the assistance and teamwork from employees of the tribal police departments, our efforts to maintain justice may not have been attainable. You are among the elite and I hope that you continue to take pride in the work you do and also continue the excellent display of professionalism, dedication and teamwork that has earned you recognition this year as one of law enforcement's exemplary employees."

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Chickasaw storyteller to speak

Natchez Trace Parkway to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month

Lorie Robins

TUPELO, Miss. - In recognition of American Indian Heritage Month, the Natchez Trace Parkway will host guest speaker Lorie Robins 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8, 2008. Ms. Robins will share traditional Chickasaw stories at the Parkway Visitor Center located at milepost 266 near Tupelo.

As a Chickasaw storyteller, Ms. Robins recently journeyed across the world to China. During her trip, she discovered common threads runs between the ancient country and the Chickasaw culture. Ms. Robins was part of a contingent of American storytellers who spent 13 days in China as a "People to People Citizen Ambassador."

"I found it very interesting how some of the designs used in the Chinese culture are very similar, if not identical, to the designs that all Southeastern tribes used," said Ms. Robins describing the trip as "life-changing!"

Ms. Robins has many opportunities to travel and share her traditional Southeastern stories, as well as stories from other cultures that have been given to her. She embraces opportunities to share her stories, and to teach others of the history of the Chickasaw people.

"I enjoy being able to share a part of myself with everyone," Ms. Robins said. "I am able to not only teach those who are not Native American about my Chickasaw culture but I am able to teach other Chickasaws, who may not know a lot about their own culture, through story."

Ms. Robins began working for the Chickasaw Nation in 1996. She started in the library, where she provided assistance to patrons researching their genealogy. It was at this time that she began serving as an apprentice to become a traditional storyteller under master storyteller, Glenda Galvan.

Ms. Robins is recognized not only as a keeper of the stories of the Chickasaw Nation, she has been a member of the Chickasaw Living History Players since 1998. Today, she works within the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture as its outreach coordinator.

"I am honored to be storytelling in what we here at the Chickasaw Nation refer to as the Homelands," Ms. Robins said. "I have story told literally all over the U.S. and internationally but to come back and story tell where my Chickasaw ancestry began is truly the most wonderful invitation I have ever received."

This event is free to the public. For more information about the program, please contact the Natchez Trace Parkway Visitor Center at 662-680-4027 or 1-800-305-7417.

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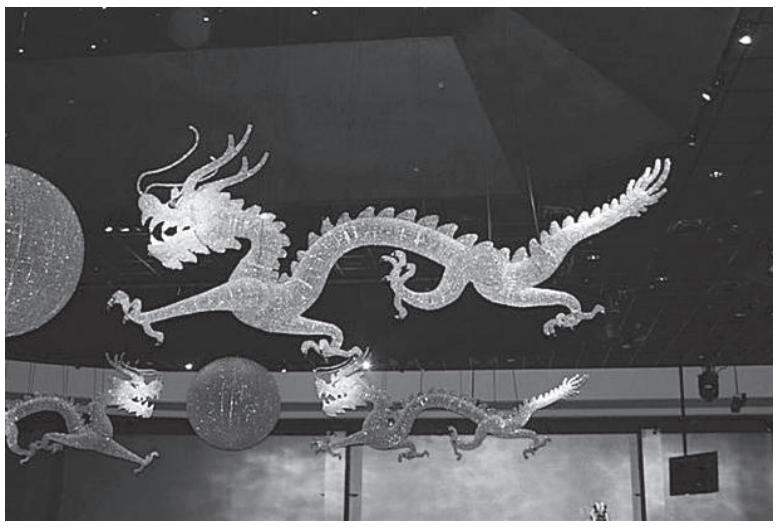
WinStar expansion creates exciting new environments for customers



Crystal dragons greet guests at WinStar World Casino's new Beijing Casino. A total of eight hand-crafted dragons made of 163,850 hand cut crystals are suspended above the casino floor. The new expansion, scheduled to be complete in late 2008, makes WinStar one of the largest gaming facilities in the world.

WinStar World Casino's new expansion transports guests to far-flung places such as Beijing, Rome and Paris, while offering a wide variety of entertainment venues.

Once complete, the expansion will create a 380,000 square-foot casino - the largest casino in Oklahoma and one of the largest in the world.

The project has an expected completion date of December 2008.

Brian Campbell, Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce administrator, said the thriving business exists today because of Gov. Bill Anoatubby's vision.

"Governor Anoatubby had the vision to see the potential of this area," Mr. Campbell said. "This location started with a bingo hall in 1991, and over the years we have expanded the area and extended the vision.

"Now, WinStar has become a world class destination for Oklahoma and Texas."

The facility not only offers a large selection of electronic and card games, but WinStar is now home to a 225-acre championship 18-hole golf course, a 50,000 square-foot Global Events Center, eight restaurants, an RV park and a 100-room hotel. A new three-star 400-room hotel is currently under construction adjacent to the casino.

*See **WinStar World Casino,** page 33*

Youth ages 14-18 involved

Apihchi Ikbi delivers leadership training for young Chickasaws

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) member Bridgette Bell, of Sulphur, Okla., reads the definition of self goverance during the group's October 8 session, conducted in Ada. The new Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program gives young Chickasaws the skills and knowledge needed to become tommorow's leaders.

Lessons on self governance and servant leadership were the main focus of the October Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) meeting.

More than two dozen future Chickasaw leaders, ages 14 to 18, heard from Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Administrator Jay Keel and tribal assistant attorney general Carolyn Romberg during the session.

Mr. Keel reviewed qualities of a successful leader during his talk and offered words of advice to the group.

He encouraged students to "turn the leadership model upside down," and emulate the servant-leader style of leadership.

"If you want to be great, you will become a servant to everyone you can," Mr. Keel said. "It is backward from what the world teaches."

He concluded his talk with five aspects of leadership traits, including leadership being a matter of heart, vision, purpose, courage and knowledge.

He encouraged the group to seize the moment.

"Your opportunity to lead is on loan," he said. "Do things that are memorable."

Students were asked by Mr. Keel to pen their thoughts of the vision of the Chickasaw Nation in the near future and what their role is, as a group, to change and influence the tribe in a positive way.

Great vision, Mr. Keel said, was the reason the tribe had prospered.

Also during the meeting, all components of tribal self governance were explained by Ms. Romberg.

She explained her role as assistant attorney general for the Chickasaw Nation and background and history of tribal sovereignty and tribal self governance.

Several interactive games were also played during the day. The games served as a way for the students to get to know each other.

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Leadership Chickasaw students open to new information, involvement

Leadership Chickasaw students had the opportunity to know each other when they enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship during the kickoff night of the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center in Ada.

The September session was the first time the group had met, and several students said they were excited to get the year under way.

Desiree Lion, of Ada, said she learned of the new program via word-of-mouth.

"I want to get involved and learn something new," she said.

Marlee Erwin, a freshman at Tishomingo High School, attended the event at the urging of her mother. She said she was eagerly anticipating the year ahead.

"I want to learn more about leadership," she said, when asked about her expectations of the program,

Through the year, students will learn skills including public speaking, service to others, and teamwork.

Members will also learn about different Native American cultures and vital life skills which will help them grow and become resourceful young adults.

"This program provides a great opportunity to further yourself and become a leader in your community," Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator, told the group.

"You will be using everything we teach you during the year."

Ms. Bierce said each member of the group seemed to have something in common and the capabilities to work well with one another.

"We are all excited about the upcoming year and it was a great way to start it off," she said.

Deanna Kendall, director of Youth Services, also spoke to the group during the Sept. 27 session and reminded them of the definition of leadership: being a servant to people.

Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi will meet again Saturday, Nov. 8 in Ada.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ms. Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

Hunter safety course

Chickasaw Ranch Operations Manager Gary Pratt, right, displays an 1880s vintage .38 single-action pistol during Hunter Education and Safety class, conducted last month at the Chickasaw Ranch, near Davis, Okla. Pratt, a certified Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation safety instructor, helped 15 Chickasaw youth and one adult obtain their Hunter Safety Education certifications. The certification is required for hunters ages 16 to 36. Many Chickasaw Children's Village students attended the class and received a lesson on archery. This is the second hunter education course conducted at the ranch.

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September 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Shalane Cobble

Shalane, daughter of Mark and Kacey Cobble, of Roff Okla., is a September 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Academics.

Shalane Cobble

Shalane is a sophomore at Roff High School and was nominated by high school science teacher Allison Shannon.

"Shalane works hard and really cares about her own achievements," said Mrs. Shannon. "Her study habits are improving and everyday I see her make more progress."

Shalane has received awards in music and perfect attendance. In the summer, she attended Murray State College as part of the Upward Bound program. Shalane enjoys hanging out with friends, playing basketball and attending church functions.

"In the future, I plan to be a psychologist to counsel married couples," said Shalane. "I would also like to attend Vo-Tech for cosmetology school."

Zachary Driemeyer

Zachary, son of Tim and Mary Driemeyer, of House Springs, Missouri. is a September 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Art.

Zachary Driemeyer

Zachary is in the third grade at Crestwood Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri, and was nominated by art teacher Kathy Standley.

"I've had the pleasure of having Zach in my art class for more than four years," said Ms. Standley. "At an early age, Zach showed natural ability and creativity well above average."

Zachary's favorite subjects are science, social studies and art. He also enjoys riding his bike, playing soccer and wrestling with his brother.

"I really like going to art class," said Zachary. "My art teacher does a good job explaining how to do art projects."

Kelsey Landreth

Kelsey, daughter of Lloyd and Barb Landreth, of Tulsa, Okla., is a September 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in 4-H.

Kelsey Landreth

Kelsey is in the eighth grade at Jenks Middle School and was nominated by Native American education director Linda Rogers.

"Kelsey has been a member of the Junior Horse Judging team for the Tulsa County 4-H Club for two years," said Ms. Rogers. "She is an avid equestrian and a champion swimmer as well."

Kelsey is an active member in 4-H where she enjoys showing, riding and judging horses. She is also a member of the Jenks Trojan Swim Club and one of the top swimmers in the state. In her free time, Kelsey enjoys playing the viola, drawing, and hanging out with her friends.

"My future aspirations in swimming include making the Olympic trials before I am a senior in high school," said Kelsey.

Kayla Wells

Kayla, daughter of Alan and Patricia Wells, of Springfield, Oregon, is a September 2008 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics and Citizenship.

Kayla Wells

Kayla is in the seventh grade at Briggs Middle School in Springfield and was nominated by Laura Scruggs.

"Kayla is a determined, intelligent, kind and intrepid student," said Ms. Scruggs. "When met with a challenge, she processes and determines the best course of action."

Kayla's favorite subjects are math and science. She enjoys playing soccer, volleyball and basketball. She loves attending Christian camps, spending time with friends and family and being outdoors.

"When I was younger, I wanted to be a journalist, but now I want to be a teacher because I love kids," said Kayla.

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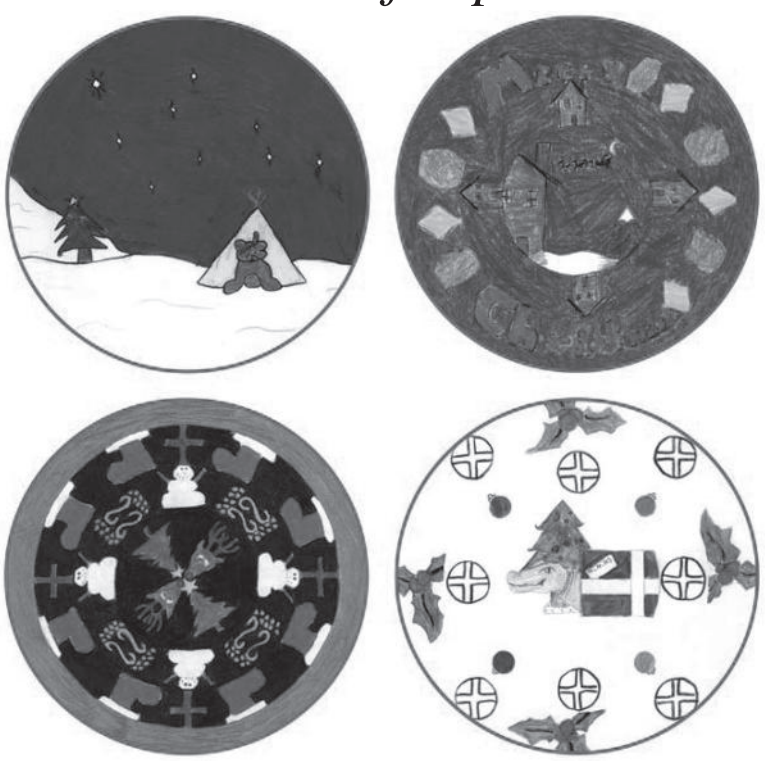
Youth-designed Christmas cards available for purchase



The four designs featured on Christmas Cards designed by four young Chickasaw artists. These cards are now available for purchase from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Christmas cards designed by four aspiring Chickasaw artists are now available for purchase.

The cards are the product of marketing and design class sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

Micah Hart, Addison Manning, Mercedes Milligan and Courtney Parchcorn attended the eight-week course this spring.

Led by Graphic Arts and Design coordinator Rachel Westmoreland, the course was intended to give the young artists the skills that they will need in developing and marketing their own artwork in the future.

Meeting once a week, the students acquired hands-on experience in every level of the design and marketing process of their Christmas cards, including conception, creation, promotion and distribution.

The cards were released and marketed at the SEASAM tent during this year's Annual Meeting and Festival.

Each box costs $12 and contains 8 cards, featuring all four of the designs that were created by the students.

To purchase or for more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email rwestmoreland@mac.com.

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Chickasaw language courses open to new students

Introduction to Chickasaw

An introductory course designed to provide students with the basic sounds of Chickasaw and introduce a standardized spelling system for writing the Chickasaw language. Simple greetings and a basic vocabulary of useful terms (human beings, tribes, seasons, animals, plants, numbers, colors, etc.) are included. Ample class time will be provided in order to practice using Chickasaw terms as they are introduced. Some information regarding Chickasaw history and culture will also be presented.

Chickasaw Community Center, Ada.

November 3 - December 17, 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

12 classes

Teacher: Dr. John Dyson and Chickasaw Studies staff

Chikashshanompa'

Chickasaw Language Community Class

Chickasaw Community Center, Ada

November 3 - March 16, 6:00pm - 9:00 p.m.

18 weeks

Teacher: Emma McLeod

Chikashshanompa'

Chickasaw Language Community Class

Purcell Senior Site, Purcell

November 3 - March 30, 6:00pm - 9:00 p.m.

18 weeks (Monday evenings)

Teachers Keith Shackleford and Leerene Frazier

Chikashshanompa'

Chickasaw Language Community Class

Carter Culinary Arts Building, Ardmore

November 4 - March 17, 6:00pm - 9:00 p.m.

18 weeks (Tuesday evenings)

Teacher: Sue Simmons

Chikashsahnompa

Chickasaw Language Community Class

Sulphur Area

Sulphur Senior Site

November 3- March 30

18 weeks (Monday evenings)

Teacher: Hannah Corsello

Chikashshanompa

Chickasaw Language Community Class

Tishomingo Area

Chickasaw Capitol Building

November 6- March 26

18 weeks (Thursday evenings)

Teacher: Luther John

Taloowa! Chickasaw / Choctaw Hymns

A short course designed to teach traditional Chickasaw / Choctaw hymns. Participants will understand the traditions of hymn singing, the differences between the Chickasaw and Choctaw languages and learn to sing a traditional Chickasaw-Choctaw hymn.

Administrative Services Training Room, Ada

November 12, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Riverwind

November 18, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Teachers: Stan Smith and Cedric Sunray

Hopooni! Chickasaw Language Cooks

Learn the language of Chickasaw cooks including vocabulary related to food and cooking.

Administrative Services Training Room, Ada

February 11, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Riverwind

February 18, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Winstar

February 25, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Teachers: JoAnn Ellis and Vicki Penner

Sam Saya! Dr. Seuss in Chikashshanompa'

Learn the Chickasaw language in a lively, fun and engaging atmosphere. Using Total Physical Response Storytelling (TPRS) techniques, a proven language-learning method, and participants will examine the zany world of Dr. Seuss in the Chickasaw language.

Administrative Services Training Room, Ada

April 8, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Riverwind

April 15, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Winstar

April 22, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Teachers: Joshua Hinson and Cedric Sunray

Chokka-chaffa': The Chickasaw Family

A short course designed to teach vocabulary and basic phrases related to the family. Participants will learn the terms for the family, relatives and basic interactions between family members.

Administrative Services Training Room, Ada

June 10, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Riverwind

June 17, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Winstar

June 24, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Teachers: JoAnn Ellis, Vicki Penner

Anchokka: My Home

Learn household words and phrases in our language.

A short course designed to teach vocabulary and basic phrases related to the home. Participants will learn the terms for the basic components of the home, household goods and basic phrases for use in the home.

Administrative Services Training Room, Ada

August 12, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Riverwind

August 19, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Winstar

August 26, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Teachers: JoAnn Ellis, Vicki Penner

Chickasaw Language Club 'Archery Fun Day' Nov. 22

The Chickasaw Nation Chipota Chikashshanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw) language club is hosting its November monthly meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, November 22 at the Chickasaw Nation gym in Ada.

The monthly theme is "Archery Fun Day." Children will learn Chickasaw words related to archery and practice new archery skills. Participants will also begin preparing for the University of Oklahoma Native American Youth Fair.

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to learn Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Club meetings are one Saturday each month and open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language. To join the language club or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Teresa McDonald at (580) 272-5310, teresa.mcdonald@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cca.

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Himittaalhiha Hochokoshkomo teaches youth the Chickasaw language with Youth Sports Camp

The Chickasaw Nation will host a Chickasaw Language Youth Sports camp 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 22, and 23 at 520 E. Arlington Ada, Okla. in the old gym located behind the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters.

Himittaalhiha Hochokoshkomo, (The Youth are Playing) will feature To'li' (stickball), basketball, baseball/softball/wiffleball, volleyball, soccer, and capture the flag with the focus of the sporting events on learning the Chickasaw language through a variety of interactive language and sporting activities.

The camp will start each day promptly at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided for the day campers. All campers must wear athletic shoes and come prepared for a great day of sports and learning.

These will be one-day camps and each day will host a select age group. Dec. 20 will host grades 1-3, Dec. 22 grades 4-6, and Dec. 23 grades 7-9. Grades will be based on the grade campers are in for the 2008-2009 school year.

There will only be 30 spots available for each age group. Space is limited so sign up now to assure a place for this exciting event. For more information and to sign up for the event, contact the Chickasaw Nation Language Program at 580-272-5322.

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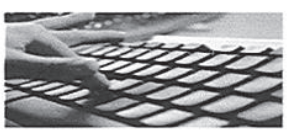

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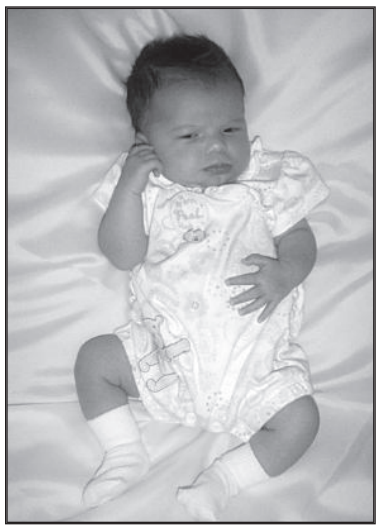

Hailey Alexander

Ashlie Stick and Blake Alexander proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Hailey Renee Alexander**.

Hailey was born August 27, 2008 at 7:55 p.m. at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla.

She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

She is the granddaughter of Tammy and Steven Brown, and Roger Stick, all of Ada, Linda Alexander, of Konawa, Okla., and Leo Alexander and Johnna Harrison, of Ada.

Her great-grandparents are Fern Steinkuehler, Semmie Stick, both of Ada, and Sylania and the late Leo Alexander, Sr., of Konawa.

Hailey's aunts and uncles are, Carmon and Heath Jones, of Wanetter, Okla., Kelly and Michael Cook, of Ada, Joshua Stick, of Ada, Ashley Alexander, and Steven and Angie Alexander, all of Konawa.

Kaidence Boswell-Williams

Elizabeth Boswell is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, **Kaidence Madisyn Boswell-Williams**.

Kaidence was born at 8:18 a.m., Aug. 19, 2008 at W.W. Hastings Hospital, Talequah, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Brydeen Bedford Boswell, Sr., and Guyla A. Boswell, of Sallisaw, Okla.

Maternal great-grandparents are Dick and Bernie Goddard, of Warner, Okla., and Raymond and Margaret Eaker, of Ratcliff, Ariz.

He is the nephew of Bernie Q. Boswell, and Brydeen B. Boswell, Jr., both of Sallisaw.

Paxton Hamilton

Sonny and Elena Hamilton announce the arrival of their first born, **Paxton Creed Hamilton**. Paxton was born June 16, 2008 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz.

He has brought so much joy to his parents and their extended families.

Paxton is the grandson of Chickasaw citizens, Betty and Harlean Hamilton and Donna and Darrell Gipson, and Rick Wood of the Iowa Nation.

He is the great-grandson of Nellie and the late Edmond Fulsom, Margaret and the late Joshua Downing, Louise Big Soldier, and the late Freeland Wood.

Paxton is 9/16 Chickasaw/Cherokee and is also of the Sac and Fox and Iowa descent.

Marquis Easley-Harrison

Marquis Anthony Terrell Easley-Harrison was born Sept. 16, 2008 at 2:08 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth.

He is the son of Bobbie Easley and Deshon Harrison. He is the brother to Diamond.

He is the grandson of Andrew and Sheila Wade and Kindra Greenwood.

He is the great-grandson of Bob and Saundra Easley and Beth Campbell. His great-great-grandmothers are Ruby McKinney and Bettye Johnson, and great-great-great-grandmother is original enrollee Caroline Milligan.

Birthdays

Callie Egge-Ogas

Callie Dee Egge-Ogas will celebrate her 40th birthday Nov. 17. She is a descendant of original enrollee Walter Jack.

She is a joy to all and a loving helper!

Chickasaw naval officer takes first command

Ensign Justin Crabb

A Chickasaw naval officer has recently undertaken his first command.

U.S. Navy Ensign Justin Glenn Crabb recently graduated from the U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officers School at Newport, R.I. He has assumed his first command, the USS Cowpens, CG-63. Yokosuka, Japan serves as the ship's home port.

Ensign Crabb follows in the footsteps of his father, Lt. Cmdr. Rick Crabb, U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, and his mother, Lt. Cmdr. Jenette Crabb, U.S. Navy Reserve Nurse Corps, of Waxahachie, Texas.

Ensign Crabb is the grandson of Marion Elizabeth Crabb, also of Waxahacie.

Motorcyclist joins riders for portion of Trail of Tears journey

Larry Eddy with Chickasaw flag.

A Chickasaw rider recently joined a group of fellow motorcyclists on a Trail of Tears ride.

Larry Eddy rode with the group from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Waterloo, Ala. He carried a donated Chickasaw Nation flag with him during the ride.

Mr. Eddy and his daughters, Monica and Breanna Eddy, proudly displayed the flag. Mr. Eddy and his family live in Lexington, Ala.

He is the son of Ina Wisdom, of Ada, Okla. His grandparents are Lillie Wisdom and the late Noah Wisdom.

We are proud of you, Larry, and the pride you show in the Chickasaw Nation!

Love, Mom and Granny

At the Festival

Members of the North Texas Chickasaw Community Council joined in the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival parade in Tishomingo. On the trailer are John and Darla Atkins. Standing below are Stan Farmer and Loretta Bates.

Chickasaw corporate officer promoted to Netherlands

Chickasaw Greg Hays with wife, Kara, and daughter, Caitlin in Paris.

A Chickasaw man has recently been promoted within his company.

Greg Hays has been named global human resources director for the graphics and reflective products division of Avery Dennison. Mr. Hays and his family live in the Netherlands.

He has worked for Avery Dennison for over eight years. His work has taken him many places including Europe, China, Brazil and India.

His hobbies include mountain biking and adventure racing. He recently participated in a bike trip over the French Alps, through Geneva and Switzerland.

He was a two-sport all state athlete in high school and attended East Central (OK) University with the assistance of a Chickasaw Nation education grant. He worked part-time for the tribe while attending college. He also attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Southern Oregon with a degree in business and human resources.

Mr. Hays and his wife, Kara, have one daughter, Caitlin.

He is the son of Phil and Trisha Hays, of Hot Springs, Ark. His maternal grandparents are the late N.B. and Lillian Blackwood Fowler, of Pauls Valley, Okla. His paternal grandparents are Mary Helen Hays, of Wynnewood, Okla., and the late Harve Hays.

He has aunts and uncles who reside in the Chickasaw Nation.

Avery Dennison produces pressure-sensitive technology and self-adhesive products. The company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AVY.

Chickasaw girl shares culture with Dutch classmates

Caitlin Hays shows her medicine pouch to her teacher Mrs. van Zoest.

A young Chickasaw girl attending school in Europe is making her classmates and instructors aware of her Indian heritage.

Four-year-old Caitlin Hays lives in Den Haag, The Netherlands with her parents, Greg and Kara Hays.

Caitlin attends a British school that recently celebrated "International Day." Caitlin wore her Native American attire and shared information about Chickasaw history and culture with her fellow students. Much of the information Caitlin shared was gleaned from the Chickasaw Nation website by Caitlin's grandmother, Trish Hays, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Caitlin is the granddaughter of Phil and Trish Hays. She is the great-granddaughter of N.B. and the late Lillian Blackwood Fowler, and Mary Helen Hays and the late Have Hays, of Wynnewood, Okla. Mrs. Fowler was an early Chickasaw Nation CHR and her mother, the late Malinda Gibson Blackwood, was an original enrollee.

In addition to sharing her heritage, Caitlin is learning the Dutch language.

Five generations

Five generations of Chickasaws include, from left, grandmother Michelle Quick, great-grandmother Judith Halley, mother Ashley Quick, baby Kai Quick and great-great-grandfather Henry Charles Hayes.

Orr a Top 10 SOSU freshman

Brittney Orr

A Chickasaw college freshman has recently been selected one of her class' top students.

Brittney Michelle Orr was honored during an October 31 reception as one of Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Top Ten Freshman for the 2007-2008 academic year. Ms. Orr was honored during a reception hosted by SOSU president Michael D. Turner at the SOSU student union auditorium.

Ms. Orr was selected for the Top Ten honor based on her academic achievement, campus involvement and leadership.

Ms. Orr is a 2007 graduate of Jenks (OK) High School. She is pursuing a communications degree at SOSU.

She is the daughter of Andrea Beasley Cordell, of Edmond, Okla., and Mike Orr, of Tulsa.

Her grandparents are Ed Beasley, of Kingston, Okla., and the late Kay Beasley, and Joe and Brenda Orr, of Tishomingo, Okla.

All-Indian men's hoop tourney set for Dec. 6 & 7

An All-Indian men's basketball tournament is set for Dec. 6 and 7 at the Chickasaw Nation gymnasium on the tribal headquarters campus in Ada, Okla.

Teams are limited to 10-man rosters. Entry fee is $125 and a $50 deposit must be received no later than Nov. 26. Cash or money orders are required and no personal checks will be accepted.

First- and second-place teams will receive hoodies and t-shirts.

For more information, call Sara at (580) 310-9563 or Debra at (580) 320-1039.

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Chickasaw scholars receive prestigious Accenture awards

Erwin, Cheadle honored at National Museum of the American Indian

Molly Erwin

Lucas Cheadle

Two Chickasaw college students have recently been honored and received substantial scholarships from a large management consulting and technology services company.

Molly Erwin and Lucas Cheadle were two of 11 Indian students honored October 10 at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The event celebrated the students' achievements and brought the students together with members of Congress and executives from Accenture, the company sponsoring the scholarships.

The awards represented more than $125,000 in scholarship funding from Accenture's American Indian Scholarship Fund. The program seeks the highest-achieving Indian students seeking degrees in technology, professional and business fields.

Ms. Erwin attends Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, and is working toward a bachelor's degree.

"I feel so honored that I was chosen to represent my Chickasaw tribe, my school and my state," Ms. Erwin said. "I am very thankful to receive such a wonderful scholarship. It will be a tremendous help in the long run."

Ms. Erwin is the daughter of Ginger and Craig Edmondson and Wade and Terri Erwin.

Mr. Cheadle attends Yale University and is a graduate student at the institution.

"My undergraduate education and my current doctoral work at Yale would not be possible without the financial assistance of Accenture, the Gates Foundation and, to a large extent, the Chickasaw Nation," Mr. Cheadle said. "I hope that one day I can contribute to the education of a young native American scholar the way that these institutions and the Chickasaw Nation have supported me."

Mr. Cheadle is the son of Robert and Darlene Cheadle, of Ada, Okla., and Cheryl Cheadle, of Glenpool, Okla.

His grandfather is Chickasaw elder Overton "Buck" Cheadle, of Ada.

"These scholarships are one part of Accenture's commitment to the American Indian community in the United States and of our global inclusion and diversity program," Accenture managing director Andre Hughes said. "We're pleased to support the success of this year's candidates."

Accenture employs more than 180,000 people in 49 countries. The scholarship program, according to the company, is a great way to honor Indian students, their hard work and the vital role their heritage played in U.S. history.

Operations, accounting, security, promotions studied

Tribal Commerce employees complete Gaming Management certification

Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce employees who recently completed the Gaming Management certification at the University of Nevada at Reno.

ADA, Okla. - Twenty-one Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce employees recently completed a 90-hour Gaming Management certification program offered through the Extended Studies program at the University of Nevada, Reno. The employees were presented their certificates of completion September 24 during a ceremony at the Division of Commerce Headquarters in Ada.

The University of Nevada, Reno delivers contract courses to gaming executives in a wide variety of gaming locations throughout the U.S., Canada, and other countries. The prestigious Gaming Management certification has been awarded to only 260 people since the program was initiated in 1989.

The variety of courses offered through the Gaming Management Program include slot operations, table games management, financial accounting, security and risk management and promotional strategies, among others. These course hours counted toward the 90-hour requirement for the final Gaming Management certificate.

Program participants were also required to complete a final paper on the regulatory structure and legal environment of the gaming jurisdiction in which they operate. The papers included a brief history of gaming in the participants' jurisdiction as well as general restrictions, rules and guidelines, market share and competitors, taxation structure, and current and future challenges in their gaming jurisdiction.

"This program really gave me a better perspective on the gaming industry around the country and the world and I'm excited to apply what I've learned here in our market," said certificate recipient Justin Berst, Division of Commerce Marketing Manager. "I truly believe the 90 hours of training and classes were worth it and the knowledge gained will benefit me now and for years to come."

The Division of Commerce employees earning the certification in Gaming Management from the University of Nevada, Reno are:

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Customer Service Survey Winner

Congratulations to Nyoka Clark of Broken Arrow, Okla., for winning the drawing of $100. Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and every one of you. To enter, go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

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Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Chickasaw earns OCU law degree, admitted to Oklahoma bar

After five years of hard work, support from his family, and the help of the Chickasaw Nation, Jeremy Oliver graduated with a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law from Oklahoma City University Law School.

Mr. Oliver was sworn in by the Oklahoma Supreme Court Thursday, Sept. 25 after passing the July bar examination and being admitted to practice law in the state of Oklahoma as a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA).

"I really appreciate all the support my family and friends have given me and I thank the Chickasaw Nation for helping support and provide me the opportunity to go to law school through the school scholarship and grants programs," Mr. Oliver said.

Originally from Wichita, Kansas, Mr. Oliver received his undergraduate degree in mass media communications/public relations with a minor in speech communications from Washburn University in 2001.

Mr. Oliver's academic achievements include, Merit Scholar at Oklahoma City University School of Law, National 2005-2006 Rainer Leadership Fellowship Scholar awarded by the American Graduate Indian Center, and 2006-2007 Ernest L. Wilkinson Award at Oklahoma City University School of Law for Excellence in a Native American Legal Externship.

As vice president of Oklahoma City University School of Law, Native American Law Student Association and a member of the National Native American Law Student Association, Mr. Oliver was nominated as a member of the 2006-2007 Indian Law Moot Court Competition Team.

While in law school, Mr. Oliver's leadership accomplishments include Licensed Legal Trial Intern for Oklahoma City University School of Law: Native American Legal Resource Center, where he concentrated on cases within the Apache Nation Courts for Family Law, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Domestic Violence and Abuse cases.

Jeremy Oliver with his family after being admitted to the Oklahoma bar the Oklahoma Supreme Court. From left, Jack Oliver, Jana Oliver, Jeremy Oliver, and Mr. Oliver's fiancé Heather Hunter.

Mr. Oliver has competed for many years on mock trial teams, including Washburn University School, Regional and National Team for three years, Oklahoma City University School of Law, Trial Practice team, Washington D.C. Supreme Court Mock Trials and Oklahoma City University School of Law; Family Law and Domestic Violence Mock Trials.

Mr. Oliver works as a media relations specialist with the Chickasaw Nation.

"I always have wanted to be a lawyer since I was a little kid, when I use to play the board game 'Life,'" Mr. Oliver said. "I would always win if I was the lawyer. Since then I have really developed a passion for helping others and working for those who have helped me succeed."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Set, prop design keys to participation

Chickasaw brothers' theatre talent propels them to Scotland arts festival

David, Brendan and Rory Kinney pose with the bust of Chief Tishomingo at the American Indian Hall of Fame in Anadarko, Okla. Brendan and Rory will travel to Edinburg, Scotland in August 2009 to attend the prestigious Edinburg Fringe Festival.

Two Chickasaw brothers are using their theatre talent to travel the world and gain once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Rory Nashoba Kinney, 16 and Brendan Choshemataha Kinney, 15, have been chosen to represent California at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The brothers are students at San Francisco School of the Arts in the Design and Theatre Technology department

"Over 1,600 schools applied, but only 52 were chosen," said Dan Kryston, school director of Musical and Theatre Technology.

"This is a great honor for us, and a once in a life time opportunity for Rory, Brendan and their 38 classmates to celebrate the arts in an international venue."

Established in 1947, the Edinburg Fringe Festival takes place during three weeks every August. It is commonly thought of as the world's largest arts festival and attracts primarily performing arts.

The boys and their classmates are busy preparing productions for the festival, including "Dames at Sea," a 1930s-era Hollywood musical spoof.

Rory and Brendan both love the technical side of the theatre world. Rory loves working with prop designs and special effects.

"I love to find, design and build props," he said.

Brendan, however, has a passion for set design and working in multimedia theater.

"Set design is definitely a challenge, but I love it," he said. "I also love photography and making videos."

Love for the theater is something that came naturally to the boys. Their father, David, was a theatre major at the University of San Francisco and has been a stagehand with the San Francisco Opera for the past 18 years.

"I've been bringing Rory and Brendan backstage at the Opera since they were toddlers," he said. "Honestly, they learned to follow stage directions like 'upstage,' 'down stage' and 'stage right' before they learned their real directions."

"By the time I was four years old, I was helping my Dad put together props for our Christmas pageants," Rory said. "My brother and I looked great with our real shepherd's staffs, lutes and a professional looking Star of David."

Brendan and Rory are very excited for their trip, but have also realized that they might have to face some challenges.

"The biggest technical challenges of the Fringe Festival will be working on designs and building sets, props and costumes that are exciting and creative, yet light weight, and portable enough to hand carry to Scotland," Rory said.

Brendan said the more that they worked on their productions, the more excited he became.

""My favorite places are San Francisco and Oklahoma, where my grandmum lives, but Edinburgh sounds cool," he said.

"I also plan to eat haggis for strength!"

The Kinneys are direct descendants of Cyrus Harris, first Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as William Choshemataha Colbert, Wolf's Friend, and original enrollees Sarah Minnie Kinney and Ludie Elbert Kinney, Sr.

The Kinney brothers' paternal grandfather, Ludie Elbert Kinney Sr, was the model for the bust of Chickasaw Chief Tishomingo, exhibited at the American Indian Hall of Fame in Anadarko, Okla.

Recently, at a family reunion, the boys got a chance to come face-to-face with their grandfather for the first time.

"My grandfather died long before we were born," said Rory, "so it was amazing to see the bust."

When they're not working on set designs or props, the boys spend their time boxing and have an interest in Oklahoma-style barbecue and 1968 VW buses.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Honor Guard member enjoys military bearing of organization

Sampson Underwood

Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard member Sampson "Sam" Underwood, Jr. is fairly new to the Ardmore, Okla., chapter, but he has a history of service that spans for decades.

Mr. Underwood entered the U.S. Air Force in 1960 after graduating from the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan.

"I went in with my cousin," Mr. Underwood said. "He got out after four years, I stayed for 20."

Mr. Underwood began his training at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio and made his way around the world. One memorable stop for him was Wheelus Air Base in Libya.

"When I heard we were going to Africa, I imagined a jungle," he said. "But when I stepped off the plane, all I saw was sand."

After several stints in aircraft maintenance at Air Force bases in the Philippines and Germany, Mr. Underwood retired in 1980.

He and his wife, Mary, were married in 1962. The couple has six children.

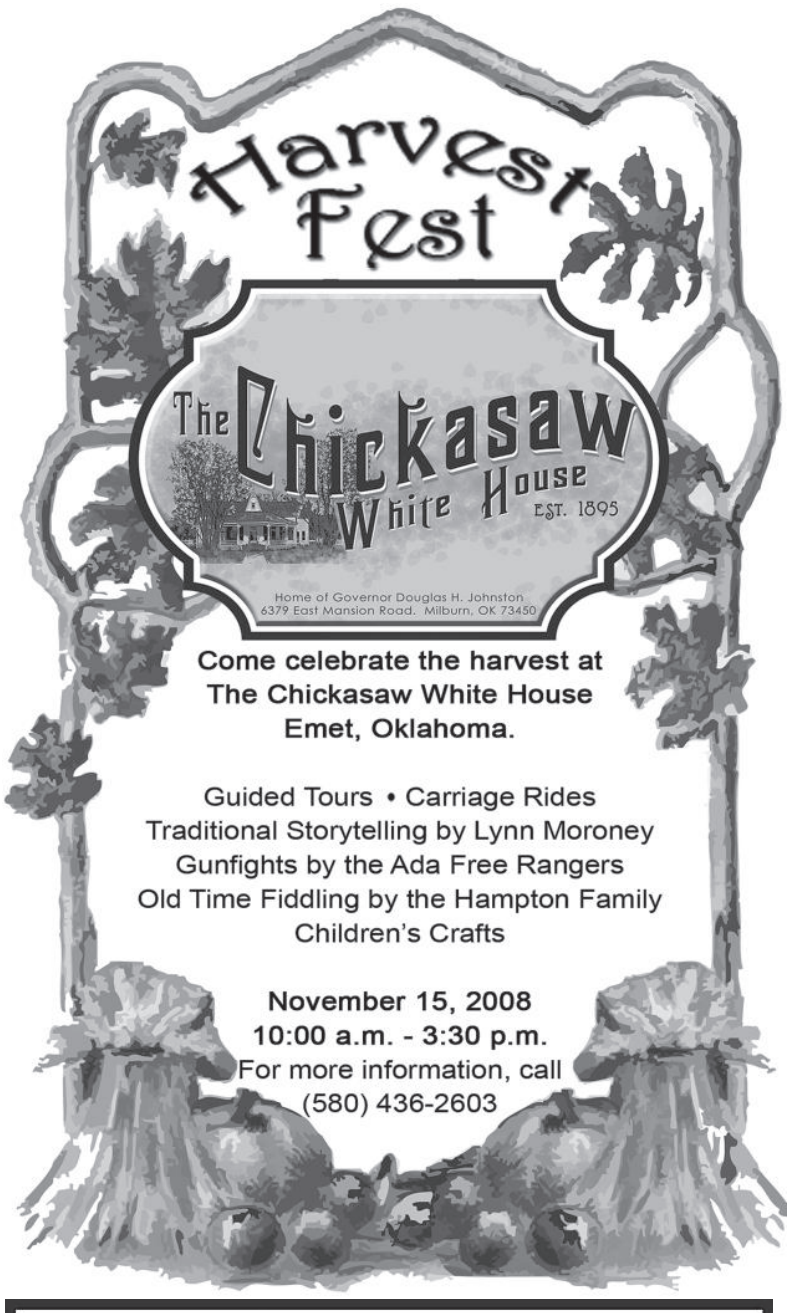
He attended Southern Oklahoma Technology in Ardmore, and received training in air conditioning/heating and carpentry. He and Mary eventually moved back to her hometown of Sulphur, Okla.

Mr. Underwood now assists the Sulphur area Chickasaw Nation Senior Center as a driver and by doing maintenance.

His other hobbies include golfing and bowling, but he said being a part of the Honor Guard keeps him in touch with his military background.

"Being in the guard is a lot like being in the military, which is something I love and I'm really used to," he said.

Contributed by Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



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Education – Arts and Humanities

In the past fiscal year, more than $7 million has been budgeted for education grants, scholarships and incentive programs.

More than 1,000 Chickasaws from Oklahoma and other states took part in Chickasaw summer camps and academies. The accomplishment of several summer camp students, Gov. Anoatubby said, were outstanding.

The Chickasaw Nation FIRST Robotics team took first prize in rookie of the year competition at both the regional and national level competitions.

Three classical music compositions of Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy students Kate Duty, Courtney Parchsorn and Wyas Parker were performed Nov. 8 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

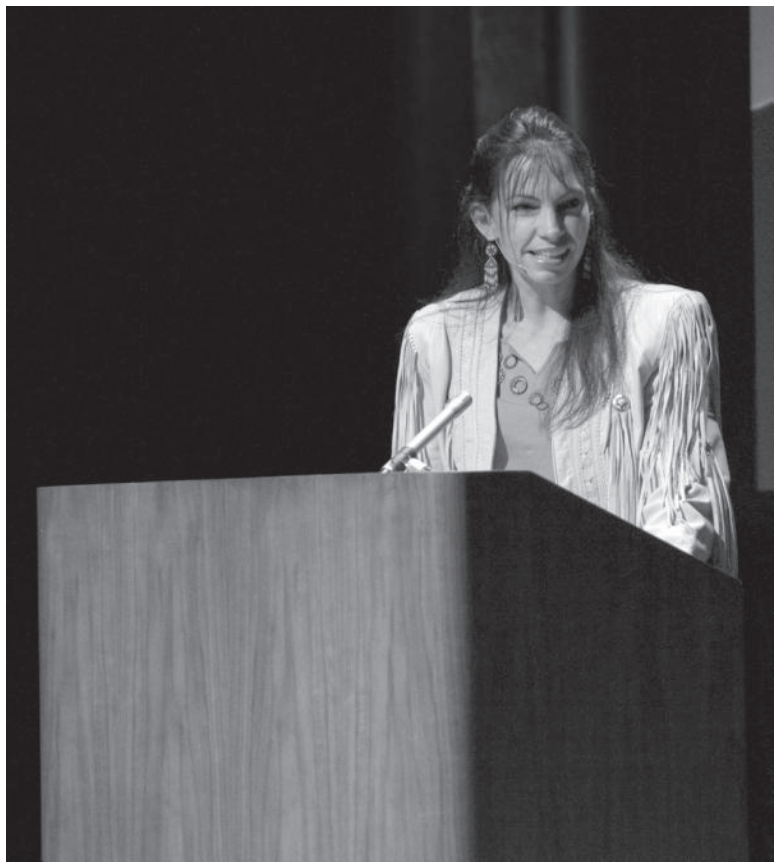
Healthcare

The Chickasaw Nation is currently building a new hospital in Ada.Gov. Anoatubby said that once complete, the 370,000 square-foot facility would be the largest Indian Health Service or tribal health care facility in the United States.

More than 200,000 square feet of flooring and 5.6 million pounds of steel framing have been erected since ground was broken on the facility Nov. 9, 2007.

The new hospital, on schedule for completion in January 2010, will be almost three times the size of the Chickasaw Nation Health System's Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada.

Approximately 300 additional healthcare workers will be employed at the new 72-bed facility, which will provide additional imaging, surgical, dental and other medical services.



Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Johnson-Billy served as State of the Nation emcee.

Culture

Many in attendance had a preview of the Chickasaw Cultural Center under construction near Sulphur, Okla. Gov. Anoatubby said the Cultural Center had great significance for the Chickasaw people.

"The Cultural Center provides more than just a meeting place, a place for celebration, a place for demonstrations, and a place for learning and sharing," he said. "The Center serves as a home for all that is Chickasaw."

Located on 109 beautiful acres of rolling, lush woodlands adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, the Chickasaw Cultural Center will feature live performances and high-technology multimedia, as well as exhibits and galleries, to share the story of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Initially, the campus will include three buildings totaling 96,000 square feet. In addition to the exhibit center, theater and café buildings, the Cultural Center will include a traditional Chickasaw village, an outdoor amphitheatre, a sky pavilion and an honor garden, as well as some special water features.

From left, Nadine Lewis, Mary Smith, Winnie McNeely, Luther John, Pauline Brown and LaDonna Brown.

Housing and Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation recently became the first Native American tribe in the United States, and the only building department in the state of Oklahoma, to receive accreditation from the International Accreditation Service and the International Code Council.

"Accreditation from this highly respected organization confirms that our building department meets the highest professional safety standards in the industry," said Gov. Anoatubby.

The Chickasaw Nation "Chuka Chukmasi" (Beautiful Home) loan program has facilitated more than 650 loans since it was instituted in 1999. The Chuka Chukmasi mortgage program, with a default rate of less than one percent, has fared much better than those in the mainstream market.

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Angelica Lozano, winner of $1,500 at the Annual Meeting.

Bessie Smith, winner of $1,000 at the Annual Meeting.

From left, Chickasaw tribal legislators Connie Barker, of Pickens District; Dean McManus and Katie Case, of Pontotoc District; and Steve Woods, of Tishomingo District; and tribal Supreme Court justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon.

Honors bestowed at Arts and Culture Awards ceremony

Dr. Tina Cooper was honored as the "Dynamic Woman of the Year" at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards ceremony.

A physician, a lifelong advocate of Chickasaw culture, tribal historians and Southeastern artists were honored at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards ceremony Oct. 2 at the Murray State Ballroom in Tishomingo, Okla.

Ada-based physician Dr. Tina Marie Cooper was named "Dynamic Woman of the Chickasaw Nation."

Gov. Bill Anoatubby presented the award.

"This is just a small example of what the Chickasaw people can do," he said.

Dr. Cooper is the current Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Service Chief of Family Practice. She has been a health care advocate for more than 10 years.

"I couldn't be more proud to be Chickasaw than I am tonight," Dr. Cooper said.

Aside from her duties at CAIHF, Dr. Cooper helped to establish the Compassion Outreach Center, a free health clinic in Ada, Okla.

She serves her tribe as a volunteer supporter of the Ada Chickasaw Senior Citizen Center and as a Chickasaw Foundation board trustee.

Dr. Cooper remembered her grandmother as an example that many dynamic Chickasaw women quietly do their jobs, inspiring and moving people without recognition.

"It is those people who have made us strong," Dr. Cooper said.

Marie Colbert Beck was the recipient of the Silver Feather Award for service in preserving Chickasaw heritage and culture.

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel presented the award.

"I've known Marie all my life," he said, "and I'm thrilled to honor her as a protector of our culture and language."

Ms. Beck is a longtime member of the Chickasaw Language Committee and the Chair of the Council of Elders.

She recently teamed up with the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia department to produce and narrate the Chickasaw cartoon "How the Rabbit Lost Its Tail" and continues to promote the Chickasaw language, culture and history among her 17 grandchildren.

Julie Bennett-Jones and Michael Lovegrove each received a Research and Publication Award.

Ms. Bennett-Jones was given the award for Best Master's Thesis for her essay entitled "'A Giant in Oklahoma Politics and Public Service': The Political Life of Helen Cole, 1960-2004."

Lovegrove received the Holisso Award for Best Unpublished Manuscript for "Douglas Henry Johnston and the Chickasaw Nation, 1898-1939."

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market. The top winners in each category were:

· Best in Division - 2-D – Brent Greenwood (Chickasaw) for his painting entitled "Swan Lake."

· Best in Division - 3-D – Daniel Worcester (Chickasaw) for his large fighting knife.

· Best in Division - Cultural – Margaret Roach Wheeler (Chickasaw) for her regalia adornment piece.

· Best in Show – Robert Perry (Chickasaw) for his blown-glass sculpture "Black Drinking Cup."

The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes and included entries from members of each of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards.

The Chickasaw Press announced the release of three new titles: "They Know Who They Are" by Mike and Martha Larsen; "Picked Apart the Bones," a poetry book by Rebecca Hatcher Travis; and "Edmund Pickens (Okchantubby) - First Elected Chickasaw Chief, His Life and Times," by Juanita J. Keel Tate.

Marie Colbert Beck was honored with the Silver Feather Award at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony. Helping honor Mrs. Beck are Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

Dozens of those in attendance purchased books during a reception and book-signing immediately following the award ceremony.

Outgoing Chickasaw Historical Society board members Jeannie Barbour, Buck Cheadle, Glenda Galvan, Wenonah Gunning, Matthew Morgan, Robert Perry and Johnna Walker were honored with Chickasaw Historical Society Service Awards for their work for the society.

Incoming board members Dr. Tim Baugh, Steven Bond, Michael Cornelius, Mary Hartley, Lisa Impson, Debbie Jackson, Adam Stafford and Dinah Worcester were also recognized.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents Chickasaw artist Robert Perry with the Southeastern Art Show and Market Best In Show award.

Cultural Evening, continued from page 1

continues today.

"Chickasaw people have played a vital role in every aspect of building this facility," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "For Chickasaws, this will be a place that reminds us of who we are - of the culture and heritage that binds us together as a people.

"This world-class Center will also enable us to share our story with the world."

More than 1,200 tribal citizens responded to an October 2000 survey which asked for comments and suggestions on a Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Language, beliefs, ceremonies and customs were at the top of the list on those surveys, with tribal history following closely. Art and music, food and medicine, prominent Chickasaw men and women, and a living village with traditional dwellings were also mentioned.

Building upon citizen requests, the Cultural Center will utilize live performances, high-technology multimedia exhibits and galleries, as well as natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story and preserve tribal culture for future generations.

During Cultural Evening, it was revealed that Chickasaw citizens would have the opportunity to contribute items to a time capsule. Citizens may submit notes, letters and photos for approximately one year before the capsule is buried during the grand opening of the center in 2009.

Cultural Center Campus

Upon opening, four buildings with a total of 96,000 square feet will be located on the Center campus. These facilities include an Exhibit Center, the Holisso Center, a large-format theatre and an administration building.

Rep. Ray McCarter, a Chickasaw citizen who represents District 51 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, said the Center was good for the Chickasaw Nation and good for the state.

He said it was a "fantastic facility" and "a great legacy for our great nation."

An exhibit center, theater and café nearing completion on the campus feature architectural elements including native stone, wood, glass and copper.

These buildings, along with a traditional village, will provide the setting for exhibits, cultural demonstrations and events, as well as unique seasonal activities.

An amphitheatre, sky terrace, and a traditional village, along with several water features, are planned for the grounds.

Inside the Exhibit Center, an 18th century Council House will serve as an orientation theatre. The Council House will be more than 60 feet wide and will look similar to the buildings constructed in Chickasaw villages long before European contact in 1540.

Drucilla Jacob paints the face of Blaine Patton during Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center near Sulphur.

Council houses were commonly used until the Removal of Chickasaws from their homelands in the 1830s. Its construction, Gov. Anoatubby said, was one example of the effort to be faithful to the culture and heritage of the Chickasaw people.

"Great pains are being taken to ensure this world-class center will help preserve Chickasaw history and traditions for generations to come," the Governor said.

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Chickasaws may contribute items to Cultural Center time capsule

Ittapatkachi Time Capsule

Individual Chickasaws unite to make Chickasaw families;

Chickasaw families combine to build Chickasaw communities;

pieced together like the squares of a quilt, these communities form one unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

At the 2008 Annual Chickasaw Festival and Cultural Evening the newly constructed Chickasaw Cultural Center was unveiled to the public.

At the unveiling Dr. Amanda Cobb, administrator of the tribal Division of History and Culture, announced plans for a time capsule to be buried at the grand opening ceremony of the Cultural Center in summer 2009.

The Ittapatkachi time capsule will commemorate the opening of the Cultural Center. All Chickasaws are invited to participate in this historic event. The Chikashsha Poya Exhibit Center will feature a museum exhibit titled Ittapatkachi (To Be Pieced Together), 50 years from now, where the time capsule will be opened.

Items contributed to the time capsule as individuals, as families, or as communities will literally be pieced together to create this exhibit.

"Like the Chickasaw Nation, individual pieces will be united to form a greater whole," Dr. Cobb said. "Ittapatkachi will be a testament to the richness of our cultural identity and the complexity of our shared history and stories."

A representation of what the time capsule's resting place will look like.

The time capsule is a 2'x2'x10' air tight capsule. Each capsule is constructed to withstand corrosive pollutants. The capsule will also be resistant to high and low pressure extremes along with being fire and water proof.

A patented vapor phase process that chemically treats the contents with a mild organic alkaline substance neutralizes the acidity of paper and renders its life expectancy 25 to 40 times greater than untreated paper. The capsule is guaranteed to last 500 years and preserve the contents inside.

You may contribute to the time capsule in three different ways:

• **Note-cards**. Use the attached cards to record stories, family history or thoughts you would like to share with the people of 2059. Items must be suitable for all ages. Feel free to draw pictures, make a handprint, write a poem, share a Chickasaw memory or just sign your name.

• **Photographs.** Contribute any family photograph. Photographs cannot be larger than 4" x 6". Be sure to label the back of your photograph.

• **Quilt Squares.** Contribute a quilt square that measures 9" x 9". Quilt squares can be made of any kind of fabric. The design is your choice – it can reflect you or your family in any way.

"This is a great opportunity for Chickasaw citizens to be apart of the living history of the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This will allow today's Chickasaw Nation to pass on our stories, art, culture and tradition to the generations of Chickasaw citizens in 2059."

Time capsule contributions will be accepted from now until the grand opening of the CCC, at which time the time capsule will be buried. Guidelines for contributions will be available at www.chickasaw.net. Contributions will be accepted at Chickasaw gatherings, community dinners, or mailed to The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture; Attn: Time Capsule, Post Office Box 1548 Ada, Okla. 74821. For questions, call (580) 436-7265.

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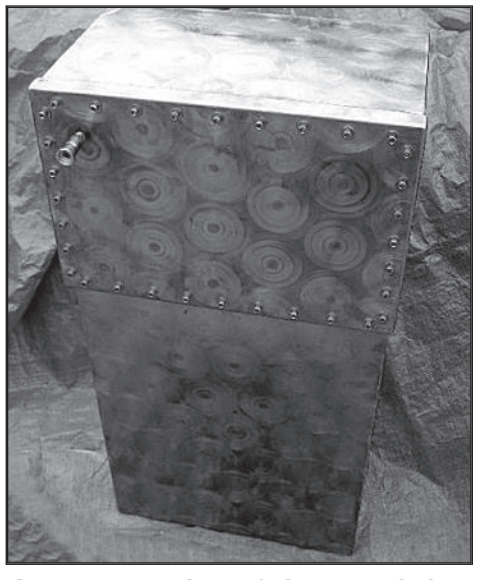
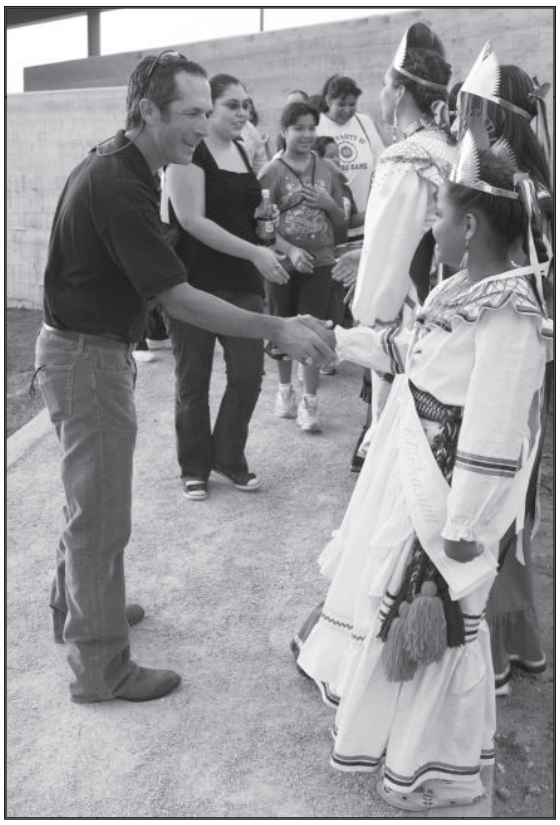


A representation of the actual time capsule.

Cultural Evening

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, administrator of the tribal Division of Culture and History, greets citizens to Cultural Evening at the new Chickasaw Cultural Center.



Chickasaw and former NASA astronaut John Herrington is greeted by the Chickasaw Princesses.

Chickasaw Princesses greet the crowd during Cultural Evening activities at the Chickasaw Cultural Center near Sulphur. From left are Little Miss Chickasaw Chelsea Wedlow, Chickasaw Junior Princess Julie Underwood and Chickasaw Princess Carla Lane.

Honor Guard members Will Johnson and Mike Reed.

Citizens join with members of the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

Recent Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee Gene Underwood talks with friends during Cultural Evening.

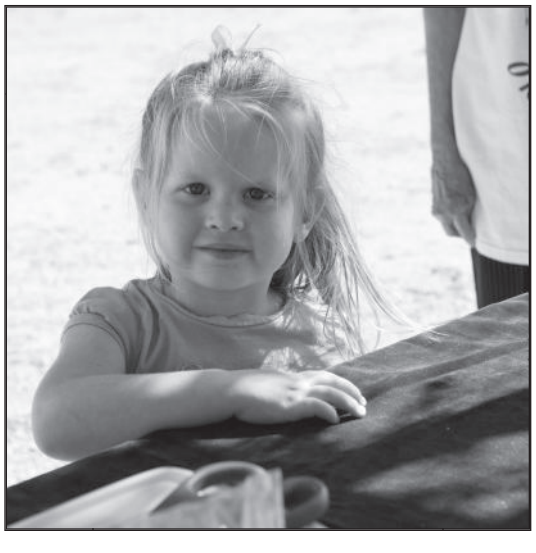
Princess Pageant

Andrea Underwood

Dancing Star Frazier

Brittney Frazier

Daytime Activities



Golf, Horseshoe and Softball Touraments

The Spirit of the Festival Award recipient Jerri Johns.

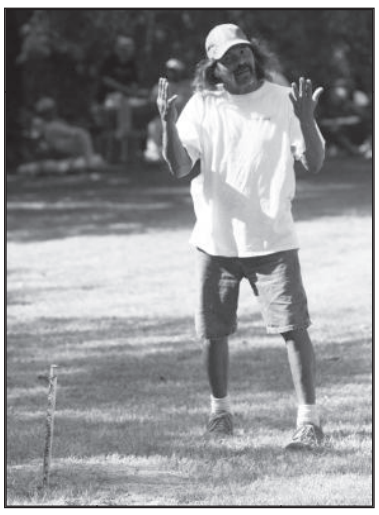
Golf Tournament First Place Winners Victor Two Hatchell, Bobby Jay, Chris Milligan and Roman Johnson.

Golf Tournament Second Place Winners Dempsey Mathis, TJ Heath, Nic Bailey and Wes Mathis.

Golf Tournament Third Place Winners Lisa John, Britt Johnson, Larry Martin and Zach Estep.

Other golf tournament winners include Men's longest drive - Nic Bailey; Women's longest drive - Lisa John; Men's closest to the pin - Jerry Payne; Women's closest to the pin - Lisa John.

Horseshoe Tournament Winners



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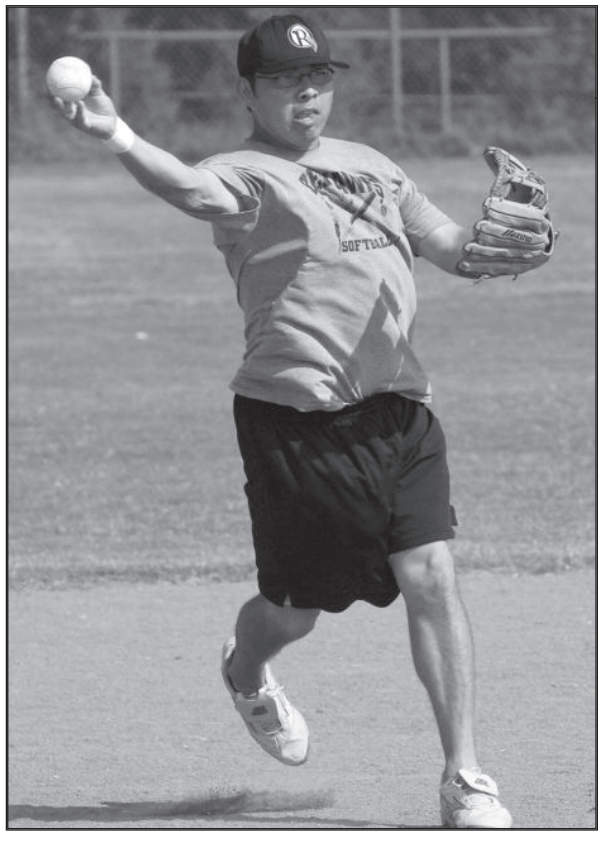

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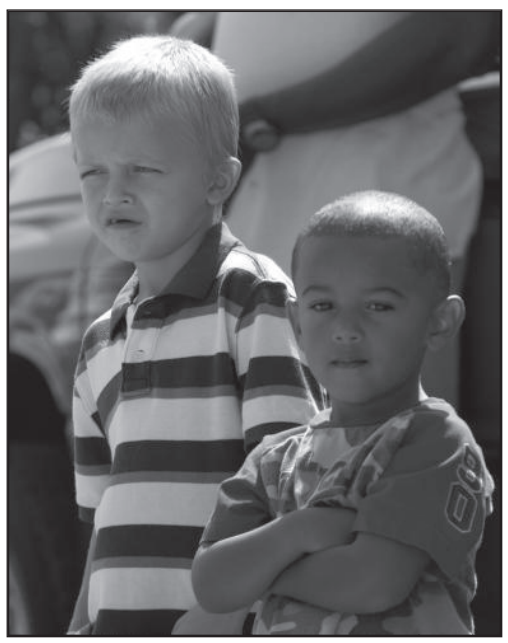
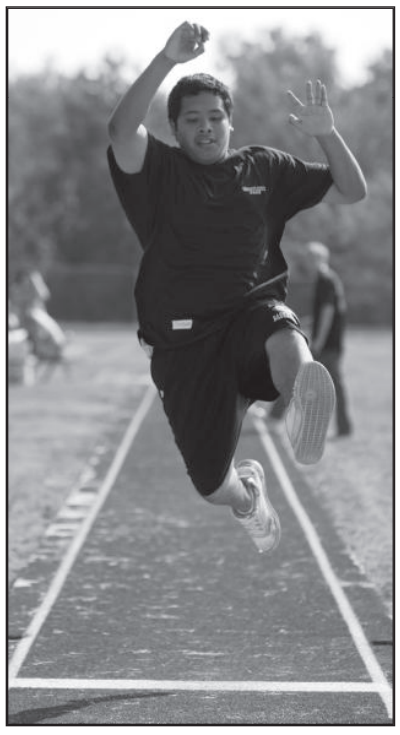


Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Parade

Junior Olympics



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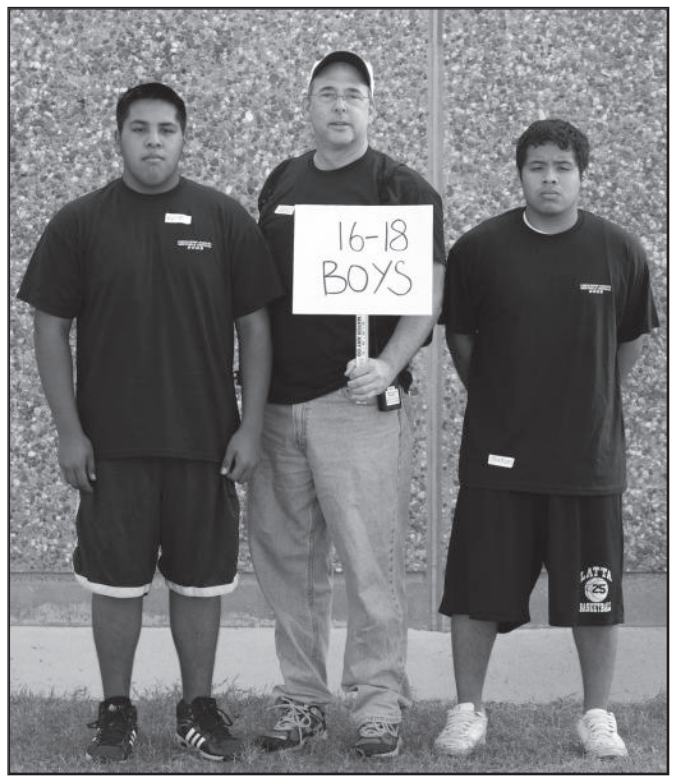

2008 Chickasaw Nation Junior Olympics Participant List

First Name	Last Name	School	Age
Ryhan	Pogue	Homer	5
Lauren	Burden	Washington	9
Lindsey	Keel	Homer	5
Geordana	Frazier	Glenwood	5
	Scott	Hayes	7
Chelsea	Wedlow	Allen	9
Isabel	Pena	Lone Grove	6
Colton	Howeth	Homer	6
Butterfly	Scott	Glenwood	6
Carson	Dean	Glenwood	5
Tyler	Dean	Washington	8
Macyee	Davis	CN Headstart	4
Trinity	Cotanny	CN Headstart	4
James	Harcrow	Tishomingo	4
Jalen	Underwood	Homer	9
Jaden	Underwood	Washington	9
Sheldon	Bond	Latta HS	17
Ryler	Rich	Latta	5
Alexis	Futischa	Coalgate	5
Jeron	Booker		
Tylen	Baptiste	Lincoln	7
Julia	Miller	Ravia	12
Melissa	Gomez	Hayes	6
Lydia	Howeth	Homer	4
Kai	Watkin	Homer	8
Caleb	Scott	Little Axe	10
Rachel	Scott	Little Axe	4
Cayman	Watkin	Homer	9
Jolie	Morgan	Homer	7
Kelsey	Morgan	Homer	5
Zachary	Vaughn	Emeron	10
Rebekah	Mose	Plainview	5
Avery	Logan	Homer	10
Talon	Stidhem	Byng	7
Jordan	Stick	Homer	10
Gracee	McAlister	CN Headstart	4
Chloe	Imotichey	Madill	8
Robby	Imotichey	Madill	6
Nyah	Stephens	Hayes	7
Jenesis	Lewis	Franklin	7
Brandon	Stephens	Washington	10
Taigen	White	Sulphur	7
Winter	Stephens	Willard	12
Kolton	McGaha	Davis	5
Rondee	Humphers	Ada Jr. High	12
Silas	Lewis	Will Rogers	6
Jacde	Tyson	Coolidge	6
Davion	Booker	Franklin	9
Breanna	Sampson	Lone Grove	9
Justice	Lewis	Lone Grove	9
Alexis	Lewis	Lone Grove	14
Este' Chate	Lewis	Franklin	8
Sheicona	Gilmore	Homer	10
Paige	Young	Latta	9
Kaden	Gilmore	Homer	6

First Name	Last Name	School	Age
Rance	Imotichey	CN Headstart	4
Darias	Gilmore	Homer	4
Chase	Imotichey	Hayes	7
Maylon	Newton	Ada Jr. High	13
Danya	Impson	Glenwood	5
Samantha	Rider	Tishomingo	9
Jacob	Krinkard	Madill	7
Amber	Imotichey	Tishomingo	10
Brantly	Maddox	Madill	4
Xavier	Maddox	Madill	9
Lauren	Wood	Francis	5
Reese	Hamilton	Hayes	7
Kelsy	Hamilton	Homer	8
Paxton	Arterberry	Madill	9
Alojhnna	Imotichey	Homer	9
Sydney	Drecker	Byng	9
Chandller	Arterberry	Madill	14
Christian	Sifuentes		4
Nayuksa	Ramsey	Hayes	7
Pakanli	Ramsey	Washington	9
Little Sky	Frazier	Ada Jr. High	12
James	Byars	Ravia	10
Terry	Byars	Ravia	12
Justin	Gray	Ada High	17
Justin	Osborn	Ada High	17
Skye	Hoaglin	Hayes	7
Kenley	Gentry	Sulphur	4
Bailey	Mairel	Allen	8
Holly	Rinehart	Allen	15
Nicholas	Stephens	Pleasant Grove	6
Colton	Stidham	Byng	14
Tyler	Rinehart	Allen	10
Raydyn	Amos	Davis	5
Amber	Lampkin	Ardmore	15
Michael	Sparks	Ada Jr. High	13
Hunter	Cornelius	Homer	6
Kyle	Whie Buffelo	Latta	17
Kaylen	Lawrence	Allen	8
Alexis	Cardinalle	Tishomingo	6
Daniele	Deaton	Harmony	10
Leslie	Stidhem	Byng	6
Jarrett	Ellis	Hayes	7
Samara	Morgan		3
Elisabeth	Rynolds	Tishomingo	9
Grace	Reynolds	Tishomingo	9
Hailey	Ellis	Washington	9
Jayson	Ellis	Washington	9
Zoe	Factor	Ravia	7
Mikala	Aulds	Lone Grove	11
Logan	Gentry	Sulphur	9
Taylor	Harrison	Allen	5
Sunzie	Harrison	Allen	7
Kenya	Palmer	Will Rogers	4
Alexus	Palmer	Jefferson	9
Christian	Aulds	Lone Grove	13

First Name	Last Name	School	Age
Thirkiel	Wedlow	Allen	11
Tayt	Youngwolfe	Latta	11
Logan	Cummings	Ada	9

Chickasaw Nation Child Care students show support for troops

Among many Child Care students, Peyton Lou, Corbin West, Autumn Sutton and Brooklyn Ryan wave flags in support of the 1120th National Guard Unit of the 45th Infantry Division during the "Welcome Home" parade Friday, October 17. The unit is from Ada.

On Friday, October 17, the 1120th National Guard Unit of the 45th Infantry Division returned home to Ada, Okla. The Guardsmen were showered with many thanks and warm welcomes. Family members, friends and supporters lined Main Street and Broadway to welcome the soldiers as they traveled in a parade to the National Guard Armory.

To show their support, the Chickasaw Nation Child Care students prepared banners and delivered them to the National Guard Amory before the soldiers arrived home. The children also made additional banners for the parade and waved American flags in support of the troops.

National Guard trooper Bret York visited the Child Development Center and spoke to each class about the importance and value of soldiers. He answered questions about the National Guard and showed the children his uniform, badge and some of his gear.

"Many times children just see soldiers on television and only have the thoughts portrayed from that message," said Child Care director Michelle Key. "We wanted the children to see the soldier in person to realize he and other soldiers are people with families just like them and allow the children to thank him for his commitment and dedication to our country."

Contributed by Brooke Tidwell, tribal media relations.

WinStar World Casino, continued from page 13

The new Global Events Center (GEC) seats 2,800. That number doubles the seating capacity of the current venue.

"It will enable us to bring in top-notch talent," Mr. Campbell said.

"WinStar is different from other casinos because we view it as an entertainment business. We create entertainment for the customer."

The new GEC will offer state-of-the-art lights and sound and double as convention space. The center can be divided into three separate sections for small groups.

Eight smaller rooms flank the GEC, which can be used for breakout session or small gatherings.

Revenue derived from tribal businesses help fund vital programs and services for Chickasaw citizens. From youth camps to health services and elder nutrition programs, Chickasaw citizens' lives are enhanced by the services and programs offered by the tribe and funded, in large part, through tribal businesses.

Additionally, WinStar is providing job opportunities and creating a positive economic impact for the area.

"WinStar World employs more than 2,400 full- and part-time individuals, and roughly half of them are from the north Texas area," said Mr. Campbell. "We are looking to hire 400 more employees before our grand opening and we're offering an amazing benefits package, gas incentives and other opportunities to lure employees to this area."

It is estimated about 1,200 full- and part time employees are from the north Texas area, which equals roughly $19 million annually in salaries and benefits.

With one-half of the new expansion project complete, WinStar is currently in its "soft opening" phase. Officials said they were using this time to train new hires for many positions. More information about jobs at WinStar World Casino can be found at www.winstarcareers.com.

The new exterior of the WinStar World Casino is designed by Lyndon Stromberg, known for his work at the Venetian Casino and the MGM Grand Casino in Las Vegas. Stromberg has also worked on other major projects including the Atlantis Resort Paradise Island Resort in the Bahamas and Planet Hollywood in New York.

Inside, the casinos are named and decorated to represent some of the world's most famous cities. The Paris and Beijing casinos feature landmark replicas of heroic fountains and glittering crystal dragons. The handcrafted fountains feature a one and one-half minute water, music and light show every 15 minutes. Above each of these fountains hangs a hand-painted fresco depicting scenes from that international city.

When the London and Madrid areas are completed at the end of the year, casino square footage will total 380,000.

The original casino space will be remodeled once the new expansion is fully operational.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Customer service a top priority for tribal gaming centers

Despite the enormous expansion at WinStar Word Casino, near Thackerville, someone still knows your name.

That's what WinStar guest Michelle Robeson, of Decatur, Texas, said.

"WinStar is very customer oriented, it is one of the largest casinos in the United States, yet they know most of the players by name," she said.

Robeson has been visiting WinStar for about two years with her husband. She is pleased with the new expansion.

"It's absolutely beautiful," she said.

Robeson said she crossed the Red River to come to WinStar for one reason: entertainment.

"As long as you play responsibly, you can have a good time on a limited budget," she said.

What impresses Robeson the most is the great care and attention WinStar employees give their guests.

"The casino hosts take very good care of their players, they are very personable and go above and beyond to make your experience at WinStar exciting and relaxing," she said.

Lavon Ladua, WinStar Casino host, said, "Caring for our guests is something I take great pride in, and our exceptional customer service is what sets us apart.

"I enjoy getting to know the guests, and consider many of them friends."

Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce administrator Brian Campbell credits all employees with WinStar's success.

"The manager, Tamyla Moore, and the employees have done a great job," Campbell said. "They treat the customers' right."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

The new 50,000 square-foot WinStar Global Events Center (GEC) will host the biggest names in music and comedy and other events. The 2,800 seat venue can also serve as a convention space.

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problems that have plagued much of the U.S.

The downturn in the housing market has had a small effect in this region.

Unemployment is also very low in this region of the country compared to other sections of the U.S.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby said the tribe was "cautiously optimistic about the future."

"We believe the outlook is promising as long as the local economy in Oklahoma and Texas remain strong," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We will all need to be flexible over the coming months. We keep a watchful eye on our investments, we remain diligent, conservative and above all, always protective of the future economic welfare of the Chickasaw people."

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This list of Chickasaw veterans is published as part of Veterans' Day observances to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

All Chickasaw veterans are eligible to receive a jacket and a medal recognizing and commemorating their service.

For information or assistance, or to add a Chickasaw veteran who does not appear on this list, call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

Deceased

Abbott, Monroe Army Sgt. 1945
Adcock, David Eugene – Army (ret.)
Adkins, William Powell Jr. US Navy Signalman First Class 1952-1972
Alberson, Steven
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3 – 1962
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl. – 1955
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr. – 1994
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt.
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Heath
Andrews, Earl L. Army WWII - Died on Rhine River April, 1945
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-1948
Anoatubby, Russell – Air Force AIC - 1960
Anthony, James L. – Air Force
Apala, Gilbert * – Army PFC WWII
Apala, Horace - * Army WWII
Apala, Kenneth R. – Army – Vietnam Era
Apala Jr., Lemuel – Army M/Sgt. WWII
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Apala Jr., Mulbert J. *- Army PFC WWII
Apala, Robert L. – Air Force TSgt.
Archer, Brian D. – Army NG
Armstrong, Kerry M. - Army
Asbury, Ed Army WWII
Atkins, Dave Bailey, Larry WWII
Baker III, Colbert L. – Marine E-5
Baker, John Brunt – Air Force 1 Lt.
Baker, Colbert L. (Bud) – Navy Lt.
Baker, Bradford S. – Army E-5
Ballard, Joe R. – Navy
Ballard, Richard E. - Army
Baptiste, Arch - Army
Barber, Terry Paul
Barker, Terry Paul - Army
Barnoski, Matthew - Air Force 43rd Logistics readiness Squadron Osan, South Korea - 1999-2005
Barrick, Brad – OK ARNG Spl.
Bateman Jr., Carl G. –
Bateman Jr., Carl Grayden – Army / OARING Capt. Unit 2B 180 Inf.
Beck, Eddie* Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Eddie G. - Army
Beck, Jimmy Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Tommy Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Melissa, Marie – Navy E3
Bee, Newsham B. * – Air Force SSGT
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Bergen, Marcie Anne - Army
Berna, Amber
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Blankenship, Charles – Army
Blevins, Bobby (Bob-O) G. - Marine
Blocker, Edward L.
Blocker, Ronald O.
Bolen, Joseph Army WWI Camp Devens, Mass.
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class - 1965
Bonham, John Maytubby – Army 2 Lt. 3rd Arm. Calvery Regiment.
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Britt, Charley - Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII – Pacific
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private – 1967
Bromley, Alicia M. – Air Force
Brower, Kelly
Brower, Kelly Homer – Navy
Brown, Jerry L.
Brown, Kennedy - Army
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt. – 1988
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt. – 1969
Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt. – 1969
Brown, Clelie Rodney – Navy
Brown, Jimmie Ray – Army
Brown, Henry W. – Army E-4
Brown, Lester – Army deceased
Brown, Larry – Navy
Brown Jr., Otto – Army
Brown, Jerry – Navy (retired)
Browning, Samuel – Army/Airforce/Navy, March 13, 1989
Browning, Zane – Army/Airforce, 1966
Browning, Joseph – Army, 1985
Browning, Winston M.- Lance Cpt. U.S. MC, 1942-1945 deceased
Browning, Kenneth D. - PFC, U.S. Army, 1944-1945 deceased
Browning, George W. - Sgt. U.S. Army, 1942-1945 deceased
Bruton, Scott Alan - Marines
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burkett, Robert O. – Army, Air/Cor – WWII
Burkett, Gordon Willis – Air Force CWO-2
Burkett, Richard
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force E-4 Vietnam Era
Burney Jr. Clay P. - Army
Burris, Monroe –
Burris, Eson – Army WWI POW deceased
Burton, Richard – Army Lieutenant Colonel - 1970 – 1991 Vietnam era veteran
Buzzard, Debra G. – Army E-4
Bryant, Tommy Lee Air Force Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain Fighter Pilot WWII and Korea
Burton, Richard
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major – 1982
Campbell, Roy Lee - Army
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class – 1946
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class – 1957
Carter, george W. Army – WWII – Korean Conflict
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl. - 1946
Carter, Woodrow - Army-Navy 1st Class - 1942
Carter, Virgil E. Marines Dec 8, 1942-1946 Corporal
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Catoe, Rusty Colbert - Navy
Chase, Kinnon R. - Marine
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. - Army
Cheadle, Overton – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer – 1946
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines – Vietnam era 1966-69
Cheadle, Tammie
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era 332-1319
Clark, Leslie - Navy
Clark, Samuel – Army Staff Sgt. – 1953
Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cohee, Larry E. – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge Oct. 31, 1967
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class - 1958
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7 – 1978
Colbert, Bruce Ray - Army
Colbert, James Marines E4
Colbert Sr., Walter J., Army
Colbert, Charles H. – Air Force
Colbert Jr., Walter J., - Army
Cole, John - USAF – 1966069
Colee, Larry E. - Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius Navy Dec 1941 – Aug 1945
Connelly, John W. - Ary Cpl. Twelfth Infantry, Co. H. WWII
Connelly, R.E. Army PFC Infantry - 1946
Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class - Vietnam Era – 1992

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Courtney Jr., William Brooks – Navy deceased
Cox, David H.
Coyle, RC. – Marines – Cpl – 1944
Crabtree, Roger Dale – Air Force Lt. Col.
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Wayne
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Craw, Darin A. - Navy
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Elmer T. – Army
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert Cubby -
Cumins, Eddy - Air Force Materiel Command - Currently serving in Iraq
Cunatubby, Daniel - Army
Curtis, Elmer Navy WWII
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1955
Davis, Larry Neal - Marines
Davis, Randall, E. Army 716th MP BN
Davis, Micheal A. – Navy
Dawkins, Wallace W. – Army
Dawkins, Wallace Willie – Army WWII
Dunn, Billy Joe Navy Vietnam Era (gun boats)
Dunn, Mike - Army
Dunn, Ray - Army E-5 – 1973
Dunning, Christy Sue -
Durant, Preman John Army WWI Company E 357th Inf. 90th Division
Durant, Calvin Eugene * (Buck) Army, WWII
Durant, Ethan – Army, Air Force, WWII (In England) deceased
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII (In Germany)
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army PFC
Duston, Guy - USMC Cpl E-41963-1967, AF-SSgt. - E-5 1967-1971
Dyer, Buck – Army deceased
Ebisch, James - Army
Edwards, Leon – Navy Sea Bee 2nd Class – 1946
Edwards Jr., James M. - Navy
Egge, Val Jack – Marines E-3 – 1962
Ellis, John – Army E-4 – 1968
Elkins, James – Army NG
Engle, David
Farris, Amos
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Emil Jr. – Army
Farve, Kern – Army NG
Fillmore, John Warren - Army
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush -
Folsom, Charles – Army
Foraker, Bob – OK NG Company C 279 Inf. 45th Division E-5
Fox, Larry Don – NG E-4
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl. – 1957
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Gabehart, Richard A. – Army
Gaskell, Mary Alice
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibson, Lenard
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class – 1945
Glase, Danna Gail – Army E-4
Glassgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt. – 1945
Goforth, Murray – Navy PN 2nd Class – 1953
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene - Army
Goodman, Oscar – Army – Reserve
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK NG 45th Division Cpt.
Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force - 1956-76
Gorrell, Dixon – Ma4rines Cpl. - 1945
Grace, Jackie C. Navy U.S. Navy Aviation AD2 March 1952-February 1956
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M. Vietnam Era
Graff, Micheal Lee – Army E-4
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vietnam Era
Green, Carl – Army Spc. 4 – 1965
Green, James T. – Army Tech 5
Greenwood, Leon Army Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Robert Marines Vietnam Era
Greenwood Earl - Marines
Greenwood, Sim – Army Pvt. - 1946
Greenwood, Virgil J. WWII Served on the USS Boston
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Grellner, Thomas - Navy
Grellner, Tom - Navy Cryptology Detachment - 1985-present
Griffin, John – Army
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army, WWII
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, John Dale II – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Guardalibene, Chuck
Guess, Earnest - Air Force Sgt. – WWII 1945
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Haddock, Nicky M.
Hammond, Mark Army Spc 5 - Med Specialist - Currently serving in Baghdad, Iraq
Harlin, James Jr. – Air Force Cpt. – 1946
Hartwell, Joe – Army Cpl 54th Div. – 1955
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt. - 1945
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl. – 1955
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard Major – 2000
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt. - 1966
Hawkins, Kenneth* Vietnam Era
Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Joseph
Hankey, Don Reid
Harris, Delos - Army, WWI
Harris Jr., Robert L. - Marine
Hayes, Ron - Marines
Hays, Wiliam – Army Spc. 4 – 1968
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Henry, Terry - Army
Henry, Terry F.
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master. Sgt. – 1952
Henson, Ivy Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1959
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army
Hestor, Melton G. – Army Pfc.
Hestor, Cloise "Dean" – Army E-4
Hewett, Justin – NG
Hewett, Kyle - NG
Hickman, James – Army Lt. – 1960
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2 (ES) 1964
Hitchcox, Chester - Marine
Hodges, James – Army Staff Sgt. - 1973
Hogan, Kenneth L. - Navy
Holder, Johnson
Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines - WWII - (given veteran status after war)
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air force
Ivey, Lonny D. - Army
Jack, Billy – Navy
Jackson, Floyd* Korean War

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Jackson, Reynolds H. - Marines
James A. Howard – Army PFC - 1945
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class Vietnam, Korean wars – 1955
James, Overton Navy 1943-1946 Carpenter's mate second class Navy reserve 1947-1952 OK. National Guard 1954-1957
James, Jimmy
James, Gilbert W. - Navy
Jefferson, Gene
Jennings, Robert
Jennings, Harold R. – Navy WWII
Jennings, Jimmie D. – Army Pfc.
Johnson, Bobby – Navy E-4 1968
Johnson, calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1948
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt. - 1997
Johnson, Elvis Army Persian Gulf 101st AB 1986-1994
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt. 1968
Johnson, Victory e. – Army Pvt. – 1946
Johnson Jr., Freddie Lee – Ok. Army NG
Johnston, William C. – Army WWII
Johnston, Jerry M.
Jones, Charles Lee –
Jones, Doug – Air Force (retired)
Jones Jr., Fred B. – Air Force
Jones, Billy L. – Air Force
Jones, Purman - Army
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Keel, Jefferson Vietnam Era
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt. – 1945
Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era
Keel, Leland David – Army
Keel, David Stenson - Marine
Kelley, Mark Owens Navy Second Class Petty Officer UT2 NMCB 23
Kemp, Raymond H. US Army World War I
Kemp, Joe Carr US Army World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Charles H. US Air Force 1957-1960
Kemp, Robert Joe – Army Corporal
Kennedy, Patrick Navy 1984-1986
Kennedy, William D. Navy WWII
Kimberlin, Dave - Navy
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt. – 1945
Knight, James L. – Lt. Col., Army
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Lacy, William Herschel
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt.
Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII – Lt.
Latta, Lee A. – Navy WWII Lt.
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt. – 1960
Leader, Rick – Army
Leader, James L. - Marine
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force
Love, L. D. Army Pvt. 1st Class 25th Div – 1961
Love, Lester – Marines-PFC
Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Lowrance Jr. Oscar – Coast Guard deceased
Lowrance, Millard F. – Army WWII/Korean Conflict Cpt. deceased
Lyda, Dottie – Army – Captain
Lyda, Tommy
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, jerry - Army
Marler, Loretta – Navy – SA
Marris, John W.
Mayes, Harmon A. – Air Force
Maytubby, Army - WWI (1917)- Camp Merrritt, N.J. Born - Reagan, Okla.
Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era
Maytubby, Melvin – Navy
Maytubby, Benny – Army
Maytubby, Bryon L. – Army Air Force WWII deceased
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCormick, Nicodemous – Navy Korean Conflict Seaman 1st. Class deceased
McCoy, Samuel – Army – ES
McCurry, Donna
McCurtain, Jerry -
McDonald, Gerorge Daniel – Army
McDonald, James – Army –
McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) - Navy
McKellop, Cody - U.S. Army - Nov.17, 1969-Aug.22,1972
McKellop, Cody Kim
McKellop. Louie
McKee, Johnnie
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army – Ret. Chief Wrnt Officer 2
Meeks, Kevin D. – Army NG
Mellor, William Bruce* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division
Melville, Newton Navy 1942-1945 Pacific (USS Chicago (sank) USS Guam)
Metzger, Steven - Army eight years service - Later awarded Purple Heart for injuries received as a civilian military employee in Iraq 2005.
Miller, Bobby William
Miller, James Lewis – Army Pvt. 1st. Class
Mitchell, Billie Louise - Army
Mitchell, Jay - Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt.
Moody, Steven Douglas – Army
Moore, James D. L. Jr.
Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C. June 1943-Dec 1945
Mose, Dorsey
Mowdy, James Keith
Mulligan, Lura
Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant
Neasbitt, John Talley – Army deceased
Ned, Morris – Army
Ned, Morris Aubrey
Ned, Morris Homer -
Ned, Morris Ridgely - Army
Ned, William, Navy – E-5
Ned-Deal, Amanda
Nelson, Franklin - Army
Neumeyer, Matthew P. - Army Company Cmdr. - Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq - 1995 graduate of West Point military academy serving his second tour of duty in Iraq, is stationed in Fallujah training Iraqi special police.
During his first tour of duty, Capt. Neumeyer received a Bronze Star for Valor
Nichols, Robert E. USCG - Seaman First Class, - WWII 1942-45 Anti submarine warfare
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy – GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry
Norman, Weldon – Army – 1st Class
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norman, Harley Curtiss - Navy
Norvell, John – Army – SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines – Pvt.
Norvell, Glynn – Army – Sgt.
Orphan, Rita – Navy – E-3
Orphan, Levi – Army – Airborne Master-Seargent
Orphan, Ray
Orr, Joe – Army – SFC

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Owens, Frank – Army – PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, Benny – Air Force – Private
Owens, Johhny (Buck) Korean War
Palmer, Eddie
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army 1944-48
Palmer, Chris
Parker, Ron – USMC – Sgt.
Parker Jr., John Westley – Navy (ME3)
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy – Apprentice
Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
Paul, Larry J. – USMC - 1965 - Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. Marines 1966-1972
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. Marines – Vietnam 1967-69
Payne, Jerry Navy Nov 1966-Aug 1970
Percival, Howard – Navy CB – 2nd Class
Perkins, James - Army
Perry, Jim – Army – S-4 Sgt
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Pershica, Jerry Lee
Pershica, M.F. – Army – Private-Combat Engineer
Perschica, Harrison McLane – Army/ Korean Conflict deceased
Pettigrew, William – Air Force – Cpl.
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Phillips, Raymond Leon – Army Cpt.
Pich, Charles
Pich, Clyde James - Army
Pich, David Army Vietnam Era (retired)
Pich, Jackie R.
Pich, Joseph
Pich, Michael
Pich, Randall
Pich, Roger L.
Pich, Russell
Pickens, Sherman Craig - Navy
Pike, Bennie A.
Pittman, Kenneth – Army – PFC
Poe, David – National Guard – Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard – Staff Sgt. E6
Polk, Tommy dean
Poteat, Micheal – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4 1973-1976
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army 1917
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy – April 1943- June 1951
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4 1968-1971
Powell Jr., Preston – Army Air Force
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Robert David – Army
Price, Larry Joe – Navy
Price Jr., Theron – Army and NG
Puller, John – Army – Tech 5th 2nd Division
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Pulliam, Elliott – Army – PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army – E-4
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. WWII
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force Msqt.
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh – Army – Staff Sgt.
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John * Normandy Invasion –Battle of the Bulge
Ray, Brian Wade - Navy
Ray, Jerry
Reams, Ms. Terri – Air Force ANG
Ream IV, Robert L. - Navy
Reed, Mike
Reed, Warren – Army-USAF – Sgt.
Reed, Hiawatha – T/5
Reed, Paul – Army – PFC
Reich, Dana Army
Renfro, Gary Don - Army
Rich, Perry - Marines - 1977-1984
Richards, Charles – Army VetCorp – Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Rider, Anthony "Tony" - USMC - served in Iraq March 2003 - Oct. 03
Ridley, Jerry – Army – Cpl.
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM2
Ringer, Charles W. – Navy RM5 Vietnam Era
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Hubert Dennis – Air Force
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Rodden, Jimmy - Army
Rodke, R.B. WWII Col.
Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean
Roller, Greg – U.S. Coast Guard (retired)
Ross, Herman Wilson* - WWI Pacific
Ross, Bob – Army – Sgt.
Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter - Vietnam Era
Sanders, James Hugh
Sanders, Micheal Edwards – Marine
Sanders, Steven Jessie – Navy
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Msqt.
Sands, Johnny ray
Scoggin, Henry B.* - StaffSgt. Company C. 99th Chemical WWII 1942-45
Scott, Jimmie - Army Reserve Major - active duty in Camp Ashraf, Iraq Nov. 2003-2005 (present)
Scribner, Theodore Roosevelt - Army Major - Served in Vietnam served from 1965-1985 - Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and received three Americorps medals and an Army Commendation medal during his 21-year career.
Sealey, Lenard
Sealy, Ben
Seeley, Bernie – Army – SSG
Seeley, Joseph Booth – Army Sgt. – WWII – deceased
Seely, Leslie
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Shavney, Beulah M. - WArmy Aux Corp May 1943-Aug. 1943 Army WAC Aug. 1943-Dec.1945
Shaw, Bobby Gene - Army
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Shields, Charles – Army
Shields, Homer - Army
Shico, Donald * Vietnam Era
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Vera
Snider, Elisha Jeremy - Army Specialist - Bronze Star, National Defense Ribbon and numerous other awards for his acts of bravery while on patrol near Baghdad, Iraq. Feb. - July 2004.
Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army 504th MP Battalion - Vietnam Era
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. - Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood - Army
Spivey, J. Bryan
Spradlin, Joshua P. Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice Keflavik, Iceland
Spradling, Jason Army Persian Gulf
Stephens, James R. Navy E1
Stephens, Theea
Stephenson, Thomas, - Air Force
Stevenson, Charles Army/USAF
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy 23 years
Stick, Martin C. Jr. – Marines
Stick, Harold
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. – Sgt. U.S. Army, WWII deceased
Stinson, Felix C. – T-5 U.S. Army, WWII deceased
Stout, David Ray Army Vietnam

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Straughn, Marlin
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry - Army
Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine Vietnam Era
Surber, Dan – Army-Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army-Korean War
Sweet, Bobby Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, Jerry Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, David
Swift, Ronald William - Navy
Swinney, Roy Harvey Navy 1945-1946
Tabor Jr., Marvin T. – Air Force
Tabor, Marvin T. – Army WWII / Air Force – Korean Conflict deceased
Talley, William (Bill) Army Corporal
Thomas, Heck Andrew
Thomas, James Calvin – Army
Thomas, John Navy - USS Flint AE 32, Campaign Desert Shield (1990) and Desert Storm (1991).
Thomas, Heck Andrew – Army WWII deceased
Thomas, Carl Eugene – Navy
Thomas, Alvin Euguen - Navy
Thompson, Ronald Dean - Army
Tippen, Robert, II Tex. Air National Guard 1969-75 (713) 988-8094
Trimmer, Wayne Lee (Bud) - Navy
Trimmer, Wayne – Navy E-4
Tucker, Tommy - Navy
Tune, Dennis, Larry - Navy
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Tyson, Larry James
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, David Army 1973-1976
Underwood, David Lynn - Army
Underwood, J.H. Army WWI Pvt.
Underwood, James Army Vietnam Era 1966-1969
Underwood, Jerry Air Force Tech Sergent EL
Underwood, Sampson Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn - - Iraq
Underwood, Thedo (Ted)
Underwood, Fred – Army NG
Vale, John Air Force 1951-1955
Victor, Alfred Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge
Von Tungeln, Micheal - Marine
Walker, James Charles Korean War
Walker, William Dugles Navy Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, Wordley Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Walker, David B. – Army NG
Wallace, Clarence Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, Ludie Army PFC
Walton, Ervin Army Vietnam Era 1967-1968
Walton, Ervin Hosey – Army
Ward, William M. – Army Spc 4
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Wells, Billy Amon Air Force 1947-1968 Master Sergeant
Wells, Homer Dee – Air Force
Wells, Morgan Navy Seaman 1st Class
Willis Sr., Paul Allen – Navy
Willis Jr., Paul Allen – Navy
Wilson, Jackie Dee - Navy
Whitfield, Marion Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitfield, Jack US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, Billie
Whitfield, Billy Army
White, Walter Ross Army Air Corp WWII Cpl.
Wilcox, Jobelle - Navy Nurse - WWII
Willard, Gaylan – Army
Williams, Robert – Air Force
Williford, John Army Air Corp WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. Navy WWII 1942-1945 Pacific
Williford, Samuel F. Army WWII 1942-1945 SSG Pacific
Willis, Jared Army Iraq Purple Heart
Willis, Van Natl Guard Private 1st Class
Willis, Ben Navy 3rd Class
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson, Joseph P. - Army E-5 Vietnam Era Jan. 1966 - Dec. 1968
Wilson, Rex Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Lige
Wisdom, Noah* WWII
Wisdom, Noah Jr. – Army
Wolf, Leo – Army WWII deceased
Woods, Robert* Vietnam Era
Woods, Jerry Dale – Air Force
Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran
Worcester, Frank
Worcester, Lester,
Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael
Worcester, Roy
Word, Estill
Wynne, Jimmy – Marines Sgt. Desert Storm 1990-91- Army – Staff Sgt. Operation Noble Eagle 2002-03 – assistance for Katrina victims Okla. Army National Guard
Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
Wright, Ethan Andrew – Navy BMSN
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.
Yoakum, Woodrow W. – Army Ml Sgt. Discharge Oct. 1945

Family Members

^Andrews, Earl L. Army - 1st Army WWII Died on Rhine River April 1945
^Andrews, Vernon R. Army - 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-48
Submitted by Evelyn Andrews
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^Bond, Curtis* - Army
^Bond, George Army WWII (retired)
^Bond, Larry Army
^London, Clyde C. Air Force Vietnam-Korea (retired)
^London, Larry Navy
^London, Gary Army
^London, Murphy Army (retired)
^London, Jeremiah Army
^Phillips, Raymond Army Vietnam-Korea
^Sharpe, Mack Marines
^Hyden, Preston Marines
^Family members submitted by Carmen Sharpe
+++
~Bynum, Joseph R. Army WWII Cpl.
~Bynum, Lola Air Force WWII Cpt. War Department
~Bynum, Ray C. Navy WWII Gunners Mate
~Bynum, Murle C. Navy Korean War
~Bynum, Art Army Korean War Air Photographer/Pilot
~Family members submitted by Lola Bynum
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'Byrd, Roy Neal Army WWI Cpl. 111th Eng. 36th Division
'Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. Army 15th Army Air Force 465th Bomb Group
'Family members submitted by Roy Neal Byrd Jr.
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Capes, Walter W. Navy Coxman First, WWII Jan. 1941 - June 1945 Pacific
Capes, Bennie G.* Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific
Capes, Robison* Army, Korean War
Capes, David* Army, Korean War
Family members submitted by Walter Capes
+++
Cathcart, Billy W. Air Force
Hollopeter, Wiley Ray Navy Vietnam Era
Hollopeter, Billy Wolf Army Vietnam Era

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Family members submitted by Doris Trotter
+++
@Chase, Grove Navy WWII
@Chase, Richard Marines Vietnam Era
@Chase, Danny Air Force Vietnam Era
@Chase, Kennen Marines Vietnam Era
@Family members
+++
-Cheadle, Overton (Buck) - Navy Athletic Specialist, First Class Petty Officer 1943-46WWII
-Cheadle, Robert - Marine Corps Vietnam Era - 1966-69 – Purple Heart
-(Cheadle) Gaskell, Mary Alice - Air Force Captain - 15 years
-(Cheadle) Kline, Tommy - Navy - WWII - 1943-46
-family members submitted by Overton "Buck"Cheadle
+++
Duckworth, Wiley Jay* - Army WWI (Original enrollee)
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII
family members submitted by Betty McCullah
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~Egge (Jack), Valla D. Woman Marine Vietnam era Parris Island June 1961-Nov. 1962
~Egge, Walter B. Egge IV Navy Lt. Supply officer Bahrain (active duty Nov. 2004)
Submitted by Valla D. Egge (Jack)
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>Haddock, Nick Navy Reserve Vietnam Era
>Haddock, Russell Navy
>Family members submitted by Nick Haddock
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>Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
>Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
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<Hayes, Ron Marines Vietnam Era 1966-1969 (sniper)
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%Ivey, Ronald D. Air Force Vietnam Era
%Hodges, Gary Dale Vietnam Era
%Family members submitted by Lura Mullican
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Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Family members
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Kincaid, Roy Sullivan* - Army Tech 5th Grade - 1942-45
Kincaid, Robert Louis - Navy Pharmacist's Mate, First Class - WWII
family members submitted by Janis Elayne Healy
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Landreth, Dewey W. - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Robert Z.* - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute* - Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army - Vietnam
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Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army - WWII - 25 years Army Reserves
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr. - Army 1948-50
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army 1974-76 - Vietnam Era
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Ned, Aubrey - Air Force
Ned-Deal, Amanda - Air Force
Ned, Morris Homer - Army WWII
Ned, Morris ridgely - Army
Burris, Gene - Army
Burris, Odie - Navy
Collins, Lroy - Army
family members submitted by Dawn Ahhaitty
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Nowlin, Gary W. - Army - 1978-84
Nowlin, Phillip - Army - 1988-1996
Nowlin, Raymond L.* - Army - Korean War
Nowlin, Raymond L. - Marines - 1974-2004 - personal bodyguard to Henry Kissinger
Nowlin, Steve W. - Army Drill Sgt. 1983-2002
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Pich, Charles P. - Army CSM - Vietnam era
Pich, Jackie, R. - Army
Pich, Joseph P. - Army
Pich, Michael - Army
Pich, Randall B. - Army
Pich, Roger L. - Army
Pich, Russell - Army
family members submitted by Roger L. Pich
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Pickens, Dave* - WWI
Pickens, John Thomas* - Marine Corps - Korea
submitted by Katherine L. Jones
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=Powell, Roy Bert WWI
=Powell, Vernon Ellis Air Force 1928-1958 Master Sergeant
=Powell, John Blair Air Force 1968-1972 Staff Sergeant
=Family members submitted by John Blair Powell
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+Smith, E.R. Jr. Army WWII – Korean War 1st Sgt. German/Italy
+Smith, Frank Marines
+Smith, Calvin C.
+Duty, David Marines
+Duty, Clint
+Maupin, Tony Air Force
+Maupin, Stephen Air Force
+Family members submitted by Dawn West
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Smith, Kenneth D.* - Air Force
Smith, Thomas N. - Navy - Vietnam Era
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/Toole, Sherwood Army WWII
/Blocker, Ronald O. Air Force Somalia – Desert Storm (support) (retired)
/Blocker, Edward L. Air Force (retired)
/Blocker, Bruce C. Navy/Air Force WWII – Korean War – Vietnam Era–(35 years service)
/Family members
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*&Turnbull, Albert Army WWI Pvt. Co. H 358 Inf. Killed in Verdum, France 1918
&Turnbull, Raymon Army WWII
& Family members submitted by Halgeanee Turnbull Bennett
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Underwood, John H. Pfc 745 AAA Gun BN CAC, WWII, March 12, 1917- May 1, 1972
Underwood, Cecil H. SP 5, Army Aug. 25, 1941- May 2, 2002
Sons of original enrollee Louis Underwood
family members submitted by
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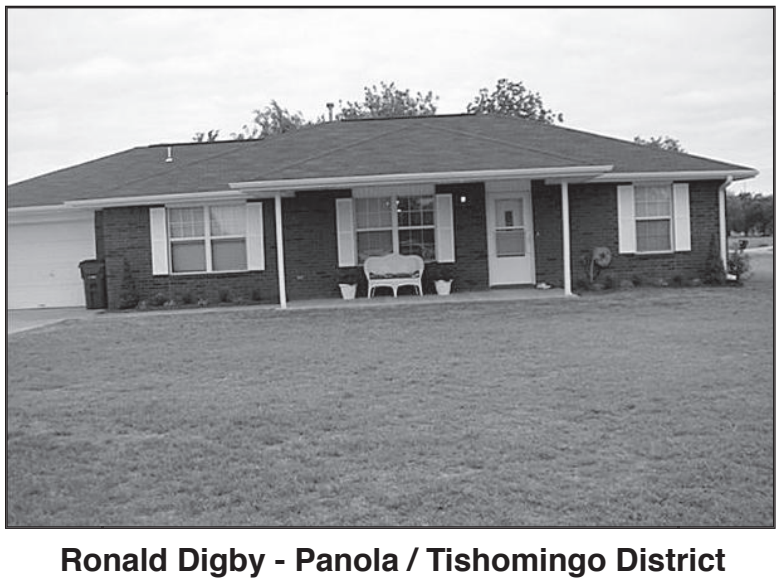
#Williamson, Daniel Army Vietnam-Korea
#Scott, Bill Army Korean War
#Carter, George Army WWII-Korea
#Williamson, Arthur Army WWII
#Williamson, Daniel Army Spanish American War
#Williams, Jacqueline Army Persian Gulf
#Williamson, Jay Navy Persian Gulf Era
#Williamson, John Army Somolia-Iraq
#Williamson, Shawn Marines
#Wright, Jesse Army Iraq
#Gibbonns, Casey Army
#Scott, Carter Army Korean War
#Submitted by Arthur L. Williamson

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest August 2008 winners

James Miller / Pontotoc District / 2008 Governor's Award

Courtney Cook / Pontotoc District

Trinda Zukosky / Pontotoc District



Ronald Digby - Panola / Tishomingo District

The tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each Spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a month's free house payment. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a $50 Wal-mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for August 2008 is Courtney Cook.

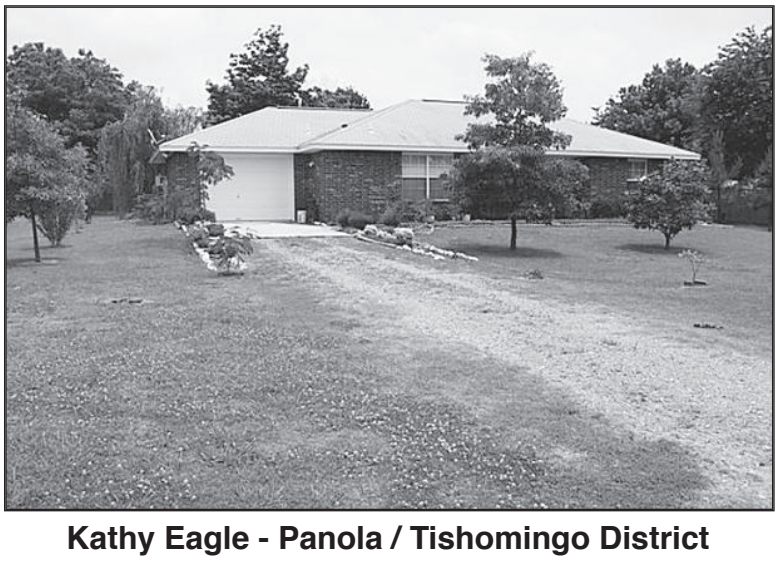
These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor's Award of a $250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Diana Faulkner at (580) 421-8800, or by e-mail at Diana.Faulkner@chickasaw.net. A Housing Representative will be sent to photograph your home and yard.

Good Luck!

Thomas McGee, Jr. / Pickens District

Joshua Foraker / Pickens District



Kathy Eagle - Panola / Tishomingo District

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

James McLaughlin

James McLaughlin is a senior at Lone Grove High School and has been a participant of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) program since 2006.

His school activities include Future Farmers of America (FFA), the Lone Grove High School football team, and the livestock judging team. He volunteers with FFA to assist with fundraising and helping where he can. The livestock judging team is a part of FFA and his team won at the Oklahoma State Fair, and placed 8th at the Tulsa State Fair.

Agricultural activities like raising chickens, hunting and fishing keep James busy in his spare time along with hauling hay. He works with his Dad and loves to attend rodeos. He is a member of the Lone Grove Free Will Baptist Church and is also the youth pastor.

James has made a lot of friends thru the CFUB program and loves attending the summer program and monthly trips.

His goals for the future include attending East Central University and then go into law enforcement to become a highway patrol or game ranger.

ECU junior selected for Division on Aging scholarship

Kayla Meeks

The Chickasaw Foundation recently awarded the first Division on Aging Scholarship to Ms. Kayla Meeks. This scholarship is a $1,000 ($500 per semester) award for full-time Chickasaw students in their junior or senior year majoring in geriatrics or a related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees.

Kayla is a junior at East Central University majoring in biology (pre-physical therapy) and minoring in chemistry. She carried a 3.95 GPA and is a member of the Tri-Beta honor society, National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Bio-Med club. She also received an outstanding student leader award.

Her goal is to become a physical therapist and work in the Chickasaw Nation Health System. She states in her essay she has a heart for the elderly tribal members and if she can get them to become more independent she will have completed her job.

Foundation receives ZOO FUNd for Kids grant

The Chickasaw Foundation recently received a $1,900 grant from the Oklahoma Zoological Society for a ZOO FUNd for Kids grant to benefit the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound, Chickasaw Nation Drug Elimination Program and Chickasaw Nation Head Start students. Above, the Chickasaw Nation Drug Elimination program visits the Oklahoma City Zoo courtesy of the Zoo FUNd for Kids grant through the Chickasaw Foundaiton.

Upward Bound students, staff serve meals, clean up at Cultural Evening

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students Ashley and Sierra Sampson volunteering at Cultural Evening.

August and September have been a busy months for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program. The August student meeting was an end of summer/back to school get together which included visiting the Oklahoma Science Museum to view the Red Earth exhibit. This exhibit featured paintings portraying twenty-five Chickasaw senior citizens by artist Mike Larsen. After the museum visit a meeting was held at Spaghetti Warehouse where students were given information on program activities. The last stop was to the Oklahoma National Memorial Museum. This was the first time many of the students had the opportunity to visit this museum, and it is definitely a place that will be visited again. The students essay assignment this month was to write about who they would vote for in the upcoming Presidential election if they were old enough to vote and why.

In October, the staff and students volunteered at Cultural Evening in Sulphur. They assisted in serving hundreds of meals as well as making sure the grounds were kept clean for the evening. All of their hard work was appreciated. Several students were also sotted marching with their high school bands or riding in the Chickasaw Festival & Annual Meeting parade in Tishomingo.

Chickasaw Foundation Art Auction Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be held during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 14, 2008. This reception is held annually to recognize our donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to award the first Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship which was established through proceeds from the art auction. This scholarship is for any college student with a certificate of degree of Indian blood card majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

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Inland Empire/Desert Cities council visits Marines

Inland Empire Community Council members, back row beginning second from left, Buck Adair, Bobbie Murrell and Lodean Casey. The men in the photo are U.S. Marines.

On September 10, members of the Chickasaw Community Council of the Inland Empire/ Desert Cities visited the wounded warriors at their barracks at Camp Pendelton in Oceanside, California.

The council members delivered 25 cases of bottled water and instant popcorn to the injured Marines. The council members in attendance were Buck Adair, Lodean Casey, Bobbie Murrell, and their spouses.

It was a wonderful experience being able to visit with the injured heroes who have bravely fought for our country.

The visit concluded when the council members and wounded warriors joined together in prayer for all of our military and their families.

North Texas council to meet Nov. 15

The North Texas Chickasaw Community Council will meet Saturday, Nov. 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bedford Boys Ranch activity building, classroom A. The meeting room is at 2801 Forest Ridge Drive, Bedford, Texas. For more information, please call (817) 952-2323.

Please bring your favorite snack or drink. This month's speaker will be tribal legislator Beth Alexander.

To contact council chairman Stanley Farmer Jr., call (682) 234-4910 or email stn_farmer@yahoo.com

Johnston County council says 'thanks' for float

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council says "thank you" to all who participated in helping with our annual festival parade float.

Thank you Jerry and Eileen Underwood, Bobby Payne, Annette Tolbert and daughter Brianne, Aaron Long, Jeremiah Hamilton, and County Building Center.

Thank you to Lewis and Lynn Stumblingbear from the Wichita (Kansas) Council for riding on the float and holding our banners, also to Noah who sat by his Grandmother.

Great fun and see you next year.

Central and South Texas councils hear cultural presentations

LaDonna Brown explains Chickasaw cultural history to Central and South Texas Councils.

A joint meeting of the Central and South Texas Councils was conducted October 12 at the Texas State University Student Union in San Marcos.

Our meeting opened with Charles Holland burning sage in the manner of our forefathers and Hall of Fame Inductee, Pauline Brown, giving a blessing.

Chairman Gene Thompson and Chairman Michele Moody gave an exciting review for their visit to the cultural museum now under construction. They emphasized that everyone must make a visit to it once it is open. Plans were discussed for future meetings.

Pauline Brown entertained us with several Chickasaw stories. LaDonna Brown gave a presentation on Chickasaw cultural history.

We concluded the meeting with a delicious potluck dinner.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

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ADA
After School Program
October 27-December 12, (580) 272-5551

2008 Volleyball League
November 18-January 6, (580) 310-6620

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

EMET
Harvest Fest
November 15, (580) 371-9835

KINGSTON
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Patricia Bostick, (580) 564-3607

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Tom Hogland, 405-381-2268

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Betty Kemp, 405-364-0355

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

Youth Heritage Day
November 4, (580) 332-8685

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Lynn M. Dorrough, 909-213-7273

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Chris Rodke, 505-980-1368

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, 210-492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
Stan Farmer, (682) 234-4910

'American Indian Places' a guidebook with unique perspective

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

There is no shortage of general histories of the American Indian—except for books that include significant input from Indians themselves.

Now that need has been addressed by a non-Indian writer-editor in a unique new book, *American Indian Places*. The book, produced by Frances H. Kennedy, describes 366 places in the continental U.S. that are historically and often culturally significant to American Indians. Each place included was considered significant prior to 1900.

This guidebook opens up a whole new avenue of accessing information about American Indian history. It has the potential to meet needs readers didn't even know they had. Much of the book's value is that most of the contributors recruited by Kennedy are either tribal members or scholars who have expertise or connections to the sites.

The three Chickasaw sites included in the book are representative of the mix of contributors. Tribal citizens Jeannie Barbour and Kirk Perry contributed one essay each and I wrote one. (This serves as the obligatory disclaimer that your book reviewer was also a contributor.)

Frances Kennedy contacted me first because I have a page as tribal historian on the tribe's website. She asked me to write an essay and to solicit contributions from tribal members on other significant tribal sites as long as they are open to the public-- Kennedy's other criteria for inclusion in the book. As she explained, there is no sense listing a site in a guidebook that the public can't visit.

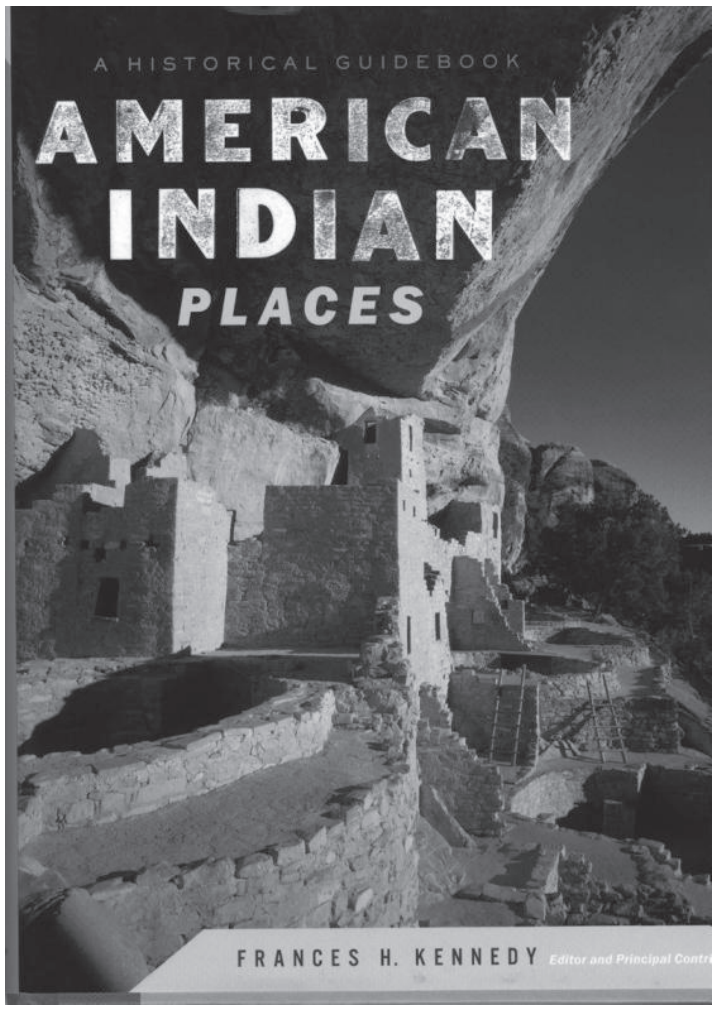
Perry wrote about the people who occupied the Chickasaw Village Site on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tupelo, Mississippi. Barbour described the tribe's historic ties to the spring-fed land that became the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, OK. I wrote about two adjacent sites in Tishomingo, the 1898 Chickasaw Capitol Building and Council House Museum, so named because it contains the rebuilt log council house, in which the 1856 Constitution was signed.

That only three sites were included wasn't due to space limitations, but to the fact, for example, that in northeast Mississippi—the epicenter of the tribe's homeland—only the one site included is open to the public. This will change in a big way after the tribe's plan to develop an interpretive center at the 18th century village site of Chisha' talla,' is implemented.

But the book does contain many other important sites to Chickasaws, which are located in Oklahoma and across the Southeast. For example, many Chickasaws believe that their ancestors once lived at ancient mound sites such as Bynum in Mississippi, Moundville in Alabama and Shiloh and Chucalissa in Tennessee, to name only a few.

Closer to home are important sites on the Trail of Tears (many in Arkansas) as well as places in Oklahoma such as Fort Towson (the termination of the Trail of Tears for many) and Doaksville--where the Chickasaw removal treaty was signed with the U.S. and the Choctaw in 1837.

All of these significant sites are in the book's Section Two, which covers the southeastern quarter of the U.S. The book contains four other sections that are geographically and topically arranged. Each section features a map of the region containing all of the historic places designated by number. Especially dense areas include Eastern Oklahoma, and parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. The other sections are the Great Lakes and northeast; the nation's mid-section; the southwest; and California and the Pacific northwest. Hawaii (with no American Indian tribes) and Alaska are excluded.



Many of the 229 essays were written by Native people; the other 137 entries were written by Kennedy with "assistance of people who know them well," she said. Some of the entries contain a few hundred words while others are shorter. In the former category are essays on such magnificent places as Chaco Culture National Historical Park, N.M., Cahokia Mounds, IL, Olympic National Forest, WA, Fort Apache, AZ and Acadia National Park, ME.

Some entries have only one or two sentence descriptions and probably should have been omitted since these places suffer by comparison with the more enticing descriptive essays. On the other hand, this was a mammoth undertaking by Kennedy. She had the idea for the book and pitched it successfully to Houghton Mifflin Co., probably on the strength of her previous book, *The Civil War Battlefield Guide* and her previous affiliation with organizations supporting national parks. It also may have helped that her husband Roger Kennedy is the former director of the National Park Service and Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Other factors in her favor were her willingness to work pro bono and to secure as principal adviser, W. Richard West, Jr., who was then director of the National Museum of the American Indians (NMAI). Kennedy also designated that the book's royalties would go to NMAI.

Now that *American Indian Places* has been published and stands to be an acclaimed asset to American Indian history, I'm sure Kennedy doesn't regret the effort. But I feel certain that along the way she faced numerous situations and contentions that would have tried the patience of Job.

Working with only a few people on a book project is frustrating if not maddening at times. But Kennedy singlehandedly had sustained contact with hundreds of people, often adjusting or discussing their prose, and there isn't much that some people are more touchy about than their writing. Some contributors surely needed to be cajoled, flattered or pressured to get their essay finally ready to be published. I also know that during the process her husband suffered a major heart attack.

But I'm sure Frances Kennedy would not want me to emphasize the negative. So, speaking for herself in a "To the Reader" introduction, she calls the experience "a great pleasure," and emphasizes her gratitude to the 279 people who wrote the essays and the multitudes of authorities who were also consulted about the places.

The beneficiaries will be the general public and various subsets including tribal members, teachers and students. General readers will get a better understanding of Indian culture and the need to protect these places, and by extension, other important tribal sites not included in the book.

Aside from the entries on significant tribal places, the book contains three introductory essays on pre-contact, Indian-white relations to 1776 and Indian white relations from 1776 to 1900. Also topical essays are interspersed throughout the text to enhance understanding in the context of its placement in a section. For example, in a section on post-Removal entries, Bob L. Blackburn, director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, wrote "Constitutional Government Among the Five Civilized Tribes." In other sections, Bradley Lepper wrote "Early Mound Builders," and Mandan-Hidatsa Gerard Baker, former superintendent of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, co-authored an essay titled, "The Battle of the Little Bighorn."

The book also contains an exhaustive index and a bibliography made up of all the "Further Reading" citations at the end of most of the essays. In another section, "About the Contributors," the author of each essay is identified by title and his or her selected publications. Thirty-four full-color photos adorn two separate sections in the book. The pink granite Chickasaw Nation Capitol is among them.

American Indian Places is available at bookstores and through on-line sales. It retails for $29.95.

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Health System, Ada acute care hospital team up on medical tech/clinical lab science school

Chickasaw students Rachel Coon and Casey Chatfield review slides under a microscope as part of the 12-month Medical Technology program.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) and Ada's Valley View Regional Hospital (VVRH) are teaming up to ensure the continued success of the Valley View Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Science School. The Chickasaw Nation will provide grant funds for the program and CNHS will become a clinical instruction site for the students, broadening their scope of experience, which will now include molecular diagnostics due to this partnership.

"We are so excited about the opportunities this partnership will offer our students," Leah Babcock, School of Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program Director, said. "We are very grateful to Governor Anoatubby for his foresight about the shortage of health care workers, especially laboratory scientists."

The Chickasaw Nation is committed to establishing innovative partnerships to provide quality care to its patients and the communities in which they live.

"Together, we can accomplish great things," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Through this partnership with Valley View Regional Hospital, we will create incredible opportunities for health care professionals which will enable us to provide the highest quality patient care for generations to come."

This partnership has been two years in the making and is the result of a cooperative team effort between the school coordinators and the CNHS Laboratory, including pathologist Dr. Larry Cartmell, who serves as a medical director for CNHS and the Valley View Medical Technology/ Clinical Laboratory Science School.

"The benefit of such a partnership will exist for both hospitals by significantly increasing the pool of trained laboratory scientists," Dr. Cartmell said.

East Central University Chickasaw seniors Casey Chatfield and Rachel Coon are currently enrolled in the School of Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Sciences School. Chatfield and Coon began the program in May 2008 and will complete the 12-month clinical with a bachelor's degree in Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory in May 2009.

Chatfield is enjoying the Medical Technology program.

"Through this program, I have learned a lot about hard work and dedication," said Chatfield. "We do a lot of studying and interesting hands-on projects."

Coon currently works part time with the CNHS and is gaining valuable experience for the future.

"I am learning so much more about medical technology and science through this program," said Coon. "We interact with professionals, conduct clinical studies and gain practical experience."

VVRH houses one of only four Medical Technology/ Clinical Laboratory Science schools in Oklahoma, and has been in continuous operation since 1954. The school provides approximately 80% of the laboratory scientists at VVRH and 70% at CNHS.

The Medical Technology/ Clinical Laboratory Science program challenges students to become leaders in the critical profession of diagnosis, treatment and cure of diseases. These specially trained health care employees are a vital link between the health provider and the patient. They perform all laboratory tests, operate complex equipment, computers, and precision instruments. Many facilities suffer a shortage of Laboratory Scientists; however, due to the local school at VVRH, both the VVRH lab and CNHS lab are fortunate to keep fully staffed.

For more information about the Valley View School of Medical Technology/ Clinical Laboratory Sciences, or to request a brochure, you may contact Leah Babcock, Program Director at 580-421-1596, or via e-mail at lbabcock@vvrh.com.

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Offical of Intergovernmental Affairs officials visit CNHS

With Office of Intergovernmental Affairs officials Laura Caliguiri, center, and Stacey Ecoffey, second from right, are Chickasaw Nation Health System officers, from left, Chris Anoatubby, Lisa Bumpus and Dr. Ryan Davis.

On October 15, Laura Caliguiri, director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Stacey Ecoffey, principal advisor for Tribal Affairs with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs visited the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

While in Ada, they toured Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and were provided an overview of various programs and services provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Caliguiri and Ecoffey are both members of the headquarters staff of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and are responsible for external communications with Washington, D.C.-based organizations that represent state, local and tribal elected officials.

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Allen High School students present baby blankets

On October 17, 2008, Holly Rinehart and Amanda Davis, both sophomores at Allen (OK) High School, presented baby blankets to the Chickasaw Nation Health System staff. Holly and Amanda participated in the SE-1 district area officer training for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) at First Baptist Church in Ada. During the training they made cookies for the troops and baby blankets for CNHS, the Department of Human Services, Child Crisis Center and Valley View Regional Hospital.

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From left, Holly Rinehart, Dale Babb, Renee Hamilton, May Sellers, Diana Holland and Amanda Davis.

Food Distribution Program guidelines expanded

In accordance with a recent change in regulations regarding the Food Distribution Program, more households may now qualify for program benefits.

Effective October 1, 2008

- The maximum alowable deduction for dependent care cost under the program has been removed.
- Households receiving Food Distribution Program benefits can claim the actual allowable dependent care expenses for each child or other dependent. Households can only claim dependent care expenses as a deduction if dependent care is provided outside the home (can be a family member) and a money payment is made for the services.

As always, we look forward to serving you!

If you have questions regarding the recent qualification change for the Food Distribution Program, please call (888) 436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington
November 4: 10 a.m. and noon
November 6: 10 a.m. and noon
November 13: 10 a.m. and noon
December 2: 10 a.m. and noon
December 4: 10 a.m. and noon
December 9: 10 a.m. and noon
December 11: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook
November 5: 10 a.m. and noon
November 12:10 a.m. and noon
November 13: 6 p.m.
December 3: 10 a.m. and noon
December 10: 10 a.m. and noon
December 11: 6 p.m.
For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.
November 4: 10 a.m. and noon
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November 12: 10 a.m. and noon
December 2: 10 a.m. and noon
December 3: 10 a.m. and noon
December 9: 10 a.m. and noon
December 10: 10 a.m. and noon
For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.
November 4: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.
November 7: 10 a.m. and noon
November 14: 10 a.m. and noon
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Journal of a Christian Missionary in pre-removal Chickasaw Country

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

John and Charles Wesley may have been the first Christian missionaries to have meaningful contact with the Chickasaws. In 1736, they accepted an invitation from Governor James Oglethorpe to visit the new colony of Georgia. While there, they met some Chickasaw chiefs near Savannah and had a discussion on their respective religions.

Because brief or partial transcripts [not sure which one applies] have survived, we know that these chiefs seemed curious about Christianity. Before he returned to England to found the Wesley branch of the Methodist religion, John Wesley, perhaps mistaking curiosity for genuine interest, wrote that he believed the Chickasaws would be good candidates for conversion.

His remarks were at least ill-timed.

For one thing, only a few months before, some Christians [in this case, the French] had staged two major attacks on Chickasaw villages, intended to destroy the tribe. Because the French would keep pursuing that goal for another 25 years, perhaps the Chickasaws were too preoccupied for conversion. Or maybe after so many years of being on the receiving end of lethal attacks, their views of the Christian orchestrators understandably might have hardened.

At any rate, no other clergy followed up, and the tribe had only sporadic, superficial contact with Christian missionaries throughout the rest of the 18th century.

It was not until 1800 that the Presbyterians sent a young Yale graduate, the Reverend Joseph Bullen into the Chickasaw Nation for about a year. While some of the Chickasaws were reportedly attentive, they were not persuaded, much less converted.

The Presbyterians renewed their effort in 1820 when the Reverend Thomas Stuart was sent to establish a mission. Stuart convinced Chief Levi Colbert to back the proposal, which was approved subsequently by the tribal council. By 1822, six buildings had been erected and a farm was developed at Monroe, about eight miles south of present-day Pontotoc, Mississippi.

The mission was administered by the Presbyterians but funding also came from the federal government. The Chickasaw tribal council eventually provided appropriations for the building of more schools from 1824-26 at Tokshish and Martyn in northern Mississippi and Caney Creek in northwestern Alabama. Churches were built at each location and temperance societies established to counter what they believed to be a high incidence of alcohol abuse among the Chickasaws.

The following account of the Presbyterian missions in the Chickasaw Nation was written by Cornelia Pelham, an observer and supporter of the missionary effort. Her remarks are probably unduly upbeat because they were published as a series of five letters in a book that seems intended to recruit missionaries. The book is prefaced by a stirring sermonette to that effect: "The more you learn of the state of the heathen, especially in our own beloved country, the more anxious to you will feel to send them the gospel and the means of civilization."

Such language reveals that Ms. Pelham shared the prevailing white colonialist belief that theirs was a superior culture and religion. Missionaries felt duty-bound to make conversions for Christ. When such views were translated into vigorous action by literate, dedicated people, some tribal members were favorably influenced. As a result, the tribe became more divided, and ultimately tribal society and life was permanently altered. Whether this was for good or ill at the time was debatable.

But at least most of the missionaries sincerely believed that their work was beneficial to Chickasaws, in contrast to the majority of white people who were bent on taking advantage of tribal members. Ms. Pelham's letters also show how the missionaries recruited and used some of the bi-lingual slaves of the Chickasaws to communicate Christian gospel to the tribal members.

The book, *Letters on the Chickasaw and Osage Missions,* was published by the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society of Boston in 1833. The following are excerpts from Ms. Pelham's letters regarding her observations of the four Chickasaw missions: Monroe, Tokshish, Martyn and Caney Creek. Of the four names, only Tokshish is Chickasaw, and the name is probably a contraction of *itti' hakshish*, meaning tree root, according to linguist John Dyson.

Why tree root? Through his research on the 18th century language, Dyson has detected a naming pattern that in the modern vernacular boils down to: what you see is what you get.

Except for some deletions and the addition of parentheses and brackets, the sentences remain as Pelham wrote them. The parentheses are from an edited account by the late historian Dawson Phelps; the brackets are mine.

Monroe

The Rev. Mr. Stuart was appointed their first missionary and [school] superintendent. He was accompanied by two families who were employed to aid in opening a farm, erecting buildings and other necessary labor preparatory to the establishment of schools and meetings.

The site of the station [named for President James Monroe]

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was then a wilderness. Many were the difficulties and discouragements encountered and overcome by Mr. Stuart and his associates in the infancy of the mission, but Providence so far smiled upon their labors, that in the spring of 1822, they opened a school with seventeen Chickasaw children, which soon increased to twenty-five.

(With help from additional missionaries) they were authorized to receive fifty, if the Chickasaws were desirous of intrusting so many children to their care. The school was conducted upon the Lancasterian system (older students teaching younger students). The children admitted were from six to sixteen years of age; were thought to be very interesting by their teachers, and to have made commendable progress in their learning.

When the church at that station was organized in June 1823, it consisted only of the mission family and a black woman named Dinah, who was the first fruit of missionary labor there…Within the last seven years, more than eighty converts have been added to this little church in the Chickasaw wilderness, whose conduct hitherto has been more exemplary than is usual in most churches of equal numbers. About two-thirds of the members of the church are of African descent; these mostly understand English; and on that account are more accessible than the Chickasaws.

Two or three years ago, a black man who belonged to the mission church opened his little cabin for prayer, on the evening of every Wednesday. The meeting was usually attended by about half a dozen colored persons. This spring, the number suddenly increased till more than fifty assembled at once, many of whom were full Indians. The meetings were conducted wholly by Christian slaves in the Chickasaw language…The chiefs began to manifest an increasing regard for the schools and religious instruction.

Tokshish

This missionary station was established in 1825 but Mr. Holmes the present missionary and superintendent did not arrive there till 1826. Mrs. Holmes and Miss Emeline Richmond are his assistants. Mr. Holmes devotes himself almost entirely to the religious instruction of the full Indians.

Miss Richmond labors constantly in the school, which contains fifteen to twenty students, nearly all of whom are little Indian girls, who appear very much attached to their teacher, and fond of the school. About one half of the scholars board in the mission family—the rest with their parents in the vicinity. Almost all of the children speak English.

A lecture was preached and a prayer meeting held every week. The female members of the church, both native and black women, attend a weekly female prayer meeting, and took part in the exercises with the ladies of the mission. The revival of religion which commenced at Monroe, in 1827, spread through the neighboring settlements and since that time many cases of conversion have occurred of a character unusually interesting. Among those who have become pious in the vicinity of Tokshish, are several native young men of great promise; [one is] William H. Barr, a full Chickasaw, unacquainted with the English language.

The portions of the Scripture translated into Choctaw were put into his hands. He read them with deep interest, and it pleased God to make them instrumental of his awakening and ultimately his conversion…Having a good mind, and considerable education and being a favorite nephew of the first chief in the district, his influence was felt very extensively.

[Barr addressed a religious council meeting near Tokshish.] He arose and gave an account of his conversion from heathenism to Christianity and concluded with a most solemn and affectionate exhortation. [Heathenism wouldn't have been Barr's word.] His remarks occupied full three quarters of an hour. The assembly were very still and attentive; the eloquence of young Barr delighted and astonished them. [Historian Don Martini says that missionaries named Barr after a white mission supporter from South Carolina. The implication is that he received this English name when he converted.]

There was no meeting house and no school house or other building at Tokshish which could hold a quarter part of the people who were expected to assemble and a large arbor was therefore built in the woods furnished with a pulpit and accommodations to seat a thousand people. [An astounding number, if accurate.] The next morning, Major Colbert, Capt. McGilvery and Capt. Sealey—three of the highest Chickasaw chiefs, arrived [for the meeting.]

A pleasant little eight year old (Chickasaw) girl fell sick on Saturday, and died the following Monday morning. No one thought her dangerous, until her dying agonies came on. When Mr. Holmes told the afflicted mother that her child was dying, she meekly replied, "The will of the Lord be done." Mr. Holmes said he had never witnessed such perfect resignation as this woman exhibited.

At her request, the child had a Christian funeral. The missionary preached a sermon at the house, where every thing was conducted in a solemn and becoming manner—no wailing, tearing of hair and beating of the breast, as is common among the heathen, at the interment of the dead.

The corpse was carried to the grave in a coffin placed upon a bier, followed by a long procession of relatives, scholars and neighbors. This was the first native ever known to have had a Christian funeral.

Martyn

The Indian name of this settlement is Pacha [actually Pachi] Noosa, the English of which is Pigeon Roost. Martyn is 60 miles northwest of Monroe and there are a considerable number of families of mixed blood within two miles of the station. Many of the people can understand English, so that without the aid of an interpreter, Mr. Blair can preach to everyone. [Many in the audience must have been slaves.] The station was formed by the desire and at the expense of the Chickasaws who appropriate part of the annuities which they receive from the U.S. in pay for lands they have sold to erect buildings, clear up a little farm and purchase stock.

They also appropriated a sufficient sum to establish and support two schools--and selected Martyn and Caney Creek, opened in August 1826. The [Martyn] school contains nearly thirty pupils, a part of whom board there. The scholars manifest a very good capacity for learning…As knowledge increases, a spirit of liberality wakes up, showing itself in efforts to benefit others more ignorant and destitute than themselves.

Caney Creek

The station is near the eastern boundary of the Chickasaw lands and was chosen on account of its nearness to navigable waters and a good market. [It was located near Tuscumbia, AL] The station was established upon Indian funds, the same as that at Martyn. The number of scholars to be in the school at once was limited by the Chickasaws to twenty-five. The progress of the children in their studies has been very good. They would not suffer in the least by comparison with children in New England, after attending the same length of time.

The missionaries have always found it an arduous task to teach the Indian children English, while living together, for they are very unwilling to use any language but their own, unless compelled to do so. To remedy this difficulty, Mr. Wilson placed five of his native boys in pious families in Tennessee, in a family where they ate, slept and played with the children of the family; where they boarded and attended a good school in the neighborhood, principally at the expense of the mission. In these circumstances they learned English and acquired knowledge more rapidly than had been anticipated.

Caney Creek is a good place for an Indian boarding school because it is at a considerable distance from any settlement of full Indians. (Experience teaches) that native children in schools do better when removed from their early associates and are more tractable in learning to study and work. [If "their early associates" refers to their families, this is a particularly cold-blooded and insensitive assessment.]

Summing Up

(This) mission has been a great blessing to the Chickasaw people; and if they could be left in quiet possession of their country and privileges, their advancement in religious knowledge and civilization would continue to be rapid.

But the expectation of being removed from the lands which they now occupy has discouraged them, caused the laws to be disregarded and filled the nation with distress and confusion.

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Note: In producing this article I used an article about Ms. Pelham's letters by Dawson Phelps, "The Chickasaw Mission," *Journal of Mississippi History*, Vol. XIII, 1951, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS. Readers may contact me at rgreen26@cox.net or (405) 9475020.

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Mary Nell Fife

Mary Nell Fife, 60, died Oct. 12, 2008 at her home near Dustin, Okla. Funeral Services were Oct. 16, 2008 at Thewarle Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Bradley Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in the Fife Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Fife was born to Opal Leona (Collins) and James David Poe on Oct. 26, 1947 at Talihina, Okla.

She married Bill Fife May 20, 1972 at Weleetka, Okla.

Mrs. Fife was affiliated with Blue Baptist Church, Connerville, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Jody Poe.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Fife, of the home; a son, Jeff Fife and wife, Thomasine, of Beggs, Okla.; a daughter, Cinda Jones and husband, Christopher, of Broken Arrow; three brothers, J.C. Poe, David Poe, and Leo Poe, all of Connerville; two sisters, JoAnne Hawkins, of Roff, Okla., and Wilma Fern Herrod, of Ada, Okla.; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

James Wendell McDonald

James Wendell McDonald, 75, died peacefully at his home in Tishomingo, Okla., Sept. 28, 2008. He was born at Ravia, Okla., Sept. 7, 1933 to Josephus McDonald and Ester Peden McDonald.

Mr. McDonald spent most of his life in Oklahoma and California. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He pursued a career in refrigeration and retired to Oklahoma where he lived as a Chickasaw Nation elder since 1991.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Blufford, Raymond, George (Dub); and two sisters, Jody and Charla.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Naomi; two sons, Eric McDonald, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Tim McDonald, of Turlock, Calif.; two daughters, Alma Carvel, of Tishomingo, and Sabrina Quinonez, of Cumberland Cove, Okla.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Leamond McDonald, of Florida, Jack McDonald, of Ardmore, Okla., Carol McDonald, of Tishomingo, Kathryn Qualls, of Visalia, Calif., Betty Glasgow, of Clovis, Calif., and Louise Magie, of San Bernardino, Calif.; and numerous family and friends.

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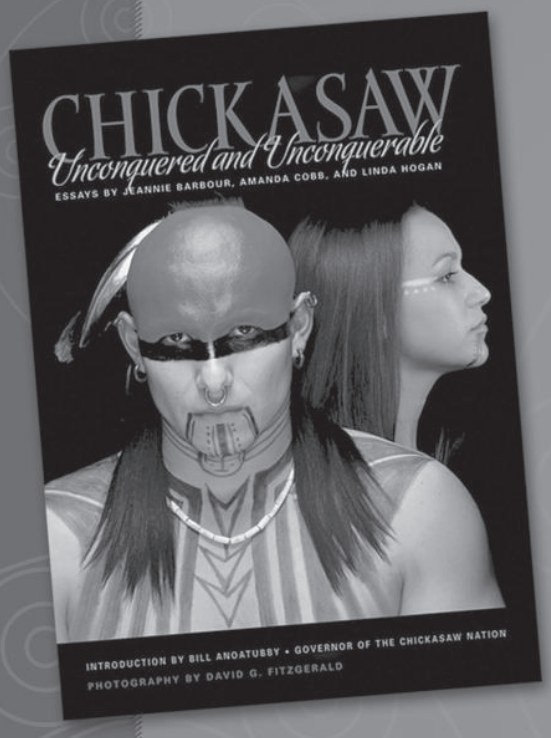

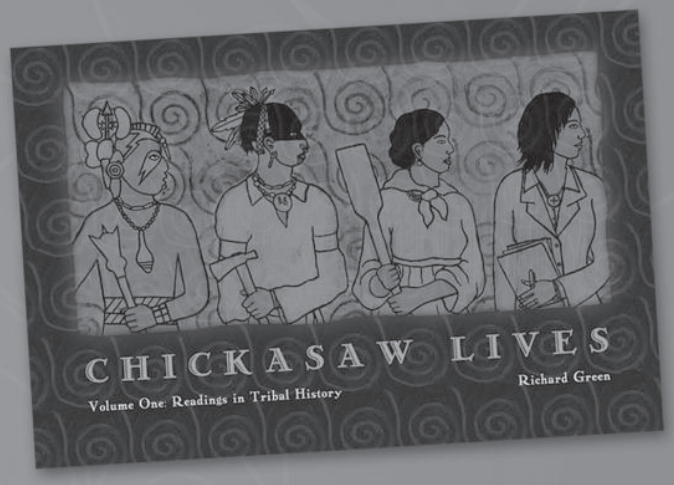

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